

Paisley expelled from European Parliament for heckling Pope

STRASBOURG, France, Oct 11, (Reuters): Northern Ireland Protestant leader the Reverend Ian Paisley was dragged from the European Parliament today as he yelled "anti-Christ" during a speech by Pope John Paul.

Waving a banner reading "John Paul II anti-Christ", Paisley, a member of the 518-seat Parliament, stood up and started shouting as soon as the Pope began his address.

Warned

The hard-line Protestant politician was warned twice by Lord Henry Plumb, President of the Parliament, to stop the disturbance and then ordered to leave the debating chamber.

Fighting broke out as he was dragged out. Paisley later told reporters that members had "punched and hammered" him.

"I renounce you... and all your cults and creeds," Paisley shouted to the Pope before his voice was drowned out by other parliamentarians.

He told reporters he had been quoting the words of Thomas Cranmer — the first Protestant

Archbishop of Canterbury who was executed as a heretic in the 16th century — that the Pope was the enemy of Christ and the anti-Christ.

Paisley, who warned yesterday that he planned to protest against the Pope's visit, made a similar scene during a visit here by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Paisley said all members of Parliament should have been consulted before the Pope was invited to speak and insisted on his right to make a protest.

He attacked the Pope in a statement, saying he had sent crucifixes to Irish Republican Army (IRA) hunger strikers in Northern Ireland where Paisley is a staunch supporter of British rule.

An opponent of the European Economic Community, although a member of the European Parliament, Paisley said the Pope was trying to make the community an overwhelmingly Roman Catholic union.

The Pope has been brought to the European Parliament to be honoured in a special way to

emphasise that the EEC is overwhelmingly a confederacy of Roman Catholic nations," he said in the statement.

Faintly

Irish deputy Sean Flanagan described Paisley after his outburst as "a disgrace to the institution."

During Paisley's 45-second outburst, the Pope stood at the lectern, looking bemused and smiling faintly. Other members of Parliament sitting close to Paisley threw their order papers at him.

"Mr Paisley, Mr Paisley, I call you to order and I ask you to stop this disturbance... for the second time Mr Paisley, I call you to order and I ask you to respect the dignity of this house," Plumb said.

Amid applause from other members, he added: "Mr Paisley, I now expel you from this house."

The Pope, on the final day of a four-day visit to eastern France, then resumed his speech on the theme of a unified Christian Europe.

Angola and Cuba insist on 30-month timetable for Cuban pullout

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 11, (Agencies): Declaring they have shown "maximum flexibility," Angola and Cuba say they will insist on a 30-month timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola while supporting a US-backed plan for Namibian independence beginning Nov 1.

"A 30-month timetable is the limit of our concession," Angola's ambassador to the United Nations, Manuel Pedro Pacavira, said yesterday.

Pacavira said earlier that Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker proposed that the Cuban withdrawal be carried out within 24 months, a schedule accepted by South Africa in meetings among officials from the United States, Angola, South Africa and Cuba in New York over the weekend.

Insist

The New York Times reported yesterday that the four parties agreed that Cuban troops should be withdrawn within 24 to 30 months.

But echoing his Angolan ally, Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcón said: "We insist on 30 months. We have shown maximum flexibility. It's up to the other side now."

Angola and Cuba previously demanded a four-year timetable for the withdrawal of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola.

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tation of UN Security Council Resolution 435, which calls for South Africa to end its 73-year occupation of neighbouring Namibia and allow its independence.

The United States and South Africa have linked Namibian independence to the removal of Cuban troops from Angola, where the government has fought a 12-year civil war against guerrillas supported by South Africa and the United States.

Pacavira denied there was an agreement on an exact timetable for the Cuban withdrawal. He called the weekend meeting "merely consultative" to prepare for the talks in Brazzaville, Congo, later this month.

"I am not in the position to say whether we are far or near an agreement," Pacavira said. "For us the withdrawal is a gesture from the sovereign governments of Angola and Cuba to facilitate a solution to a problem that is the responsibility of the international community."

Timetable

In Zurich, South African President P.W. Botha said today the timetable for withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola remains undecided, although the broad principles of an agreement for peace in southern Africa are in place.

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Over 30,000 workers demonstrate in the yard of the Boris Kidric Steelworks in Niksic in Yugoslavia's Montenegro republic. (Reuters wirephoto)

Protests in Yugoslavia

Unrest wanes in tense Montenegro

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct 11, (AP): Unrest in the southern republic of Montenegro appeared on the wane today, a day after communist rulers put more police on the streets of its capital, Titograd, and imposed "urgent measures."

Protests have swept much of southern and eastern Yugoslavia in recent weeks, fuelled by ethnic tensions, 217-per cent inflation, 15-per cent unemployment and a \$21-billion foreign debt.

Police used violent tactics over the weekend to disperse Montenegrin students and workers demanding dismissal of local Communist Party leaders, who were blamed for a decline in living standards.

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A member of Montenegro's ruling presidium, Radivoje Brajovic, told a rally in Titograd in an emotional address that he was resigning, and the regional party leadership held an emergency meeting.

Meanwhile, university students in Titograd vowed to

continue a cafeteria boycott in seeking replacement of Montenegro police chief Lazar Djordic, who they blamed for orders to disperse protesters on Saturday with tear gas and clubs.

Yugoslavia is made up of six republics and two autonomous provinces each with its own government and Communist Party structure. It is a nation of numerous ethnic groups.

Predominant among the ethnic tensions is the relationship between Christian Slavs and Muslim Albanians in the country's most impoverished region, the province of Kosovo inside the Serbian republic.

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LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuter): British scientists said today they had started treating haemophiliacs with a synthetic blood-clotting agent after research that could eventually lead to a cure for the disease.

Dr Peter Kornoff, director of the haemophilia unit at London's Royal Free Hospital, said the development of a genetically-engineered factor eight -- the substance that causes blood to clot -- would solve a chronic worldwide shortage.

Girl jailed

LARNACA, Oct 11, (AP): A 17-year-old Brazilian girl of Lebanese descent was sentenced to four years imprisonment today for smuggling 295 grammes (104 ounces) of heroin.

State prosecutor Rallis Gabrilides told the court Salwa Hamdar confessed to the police she was paid \$1,500 by a Lebanese drug smuggler in Beirut to carry the heroin to Spain.

Last Temptation

SYDNEY, Oct 11, (Reuter): Australian censors changed viewing rating of "The Last Temptation of Christ" today, allowing children over 15 to view the controversial film.

The film's board of review found the film was in no sense blasphemous or flagrantly and deliberately offensive to Christian audiences.

Hirohito stable

TOKYO, Oct 11, (AP): Emperor Hirohito, ailing since Sept 19, remained in stable condition for the sixth day today, the imperial household agency said.

The 87-year-old Emperor's fever stood at 37.2 C (99 F) today, unchanged from Monday morning, according to Kenji Maeda, a palace spokesman.

The Emperor's normal temperature is about 35.5 C (95.9 F).

Western Sahara

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 11, (Reuter): Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar will name a special representative for Western Sahara this week, he told reporters. The appointment was authorised by the Security Council in a resolution adopted on September 20.

The special representative would oversee a ceasefire and referendum in the former Spanish territory, whose rule by Morocco has been opposed for the past 12 years by guerrillas of the Polisario Front.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Eiffel Tower

PARIS, Oct 11, (AP): Strikers closed down the Eiffel Tower for the fourth straight day today as personnel of France's most famous tourist attraction pushed for higher pay.

A meeting yesterday with management failed to reach agreement, the strike committee said in a statement.

Autonomy talks

ABU DHABI, Oct 11, (Reuter): Guerrillas fighting the Ethiopian government said today they would not attend peace talks unless they went beyond discussion of autonomy for the northern province of Eritrea.

Ahmed Al Haj Ali, representative of Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) in Abu Dhabi, was commenting on an Ethiopian offer of talks to end the 20-year-old guerrilla war.

"We reject the offer because the discussion will not go beyond autonomy for Eritrea," he told Reuters.

Country music

NASHVILLE, Oct 11, (AP): Hank Williams Jr won two Country Music Association awards last night, including entertainer of the year for the second straight year, upsetting favoured Randy Travis, who won as best male vocalist.

Williams, son of the late Hank Williams, also won Album of the Year for "Born to Boogie" in the nationally televised presentation of the 22nd annual ceremony at the Grand Ole Opry house.

Iranian floods

NICOSIA, Oct 11, (Reuter): One person was killed and livestock lost when floods hit 11 villages in northwest Iran on the Soviet border yesterday. Iran's IRNA news agency reported today.

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Environmentalists share 'alternative Nobel prize'

STOCKHOLM, Oct 11, (Reuter): Brazilian and Malaysian environmentalists and a British housing expert were today named as winners of the Right Livelihood Award, dubbed the "alternative Nobel prize."

environmentalist movement in Latin America.

Turner was cited for books and articles on social and cultural aspects of housing said to have changed housing policies in many countries.

A special honorary award went to Danish physician Inge Kempe Genefke, founder of Copenhagen's International Rehabilitation Centre for torture victims.

One of last year's winners was Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu, jailed for leaking secrets about Israel's nuclear programme.

The prizes were founded by Swedish-German millionaire Jacob Von Uexkull who sold a valuable stamp collection to finance them.

They are presented at a ceremony in Sweden's Parliament on Dec 9, one day ahead of the Nobel prize presentation gala.

internal selection process includes fierce bargaining sessions with members "selling" their votes in exchange for support in later years for their own favourite candidates.

This process means that some names appear year after year.

Reduces

Some of the long-standing front-runners include Mexican diplomat-poet Octavio Paz, his compatriot Carlos Fuentes, Czech novelist Milan Kundera, South Africa's Nadine Gordimer and Trinidad-born Briton V.S. Naipaul.

Last year's winner was Soviet emigre poet and essayist Joseph Brodsky, which reduces the likelihood of Paz or any other poet winning this year, literary sources said.

Other names tipped to be in contention include South African dissident novelist Andre Brink, regarded in France and the United States as one of South Africa's major dissident novelists.

News of the death quickly spread in the camp after Palestinian rebels kept a watch outside Jada's room at Jerusalem's Mukassed Hospital took the body to Dheisheh, nine kilometres (six

miles) south of Jerusalem, minutes after the youth died.

Mosque loudspeakers called on residents to participate in funeral services and to pay tribute to the family of the "martyr" whose body was hidden away from soldiers.

The Army responded almost immediately by declaring a curfew on the camp near Bethlehem, and closing all entrances.

At the main gate, dozens of jeeps and trucks and dozens of troops were seen standing guard, searching cars

INTERNATIONAL

Mubarak opens new opera house in Cairo

CAIRO, Oct 11, (UPI): Fireworks lit up the night sky as Cairo celebrated the opening of its new opera house — a \$40 million structure built by Japan on a River Nile island as a token of Japanese-Egyptian friendship.

President Hosni Mubarak and about 1,200 foreign and Egyptian guests watched the gala opening ceremony last night, featuring an East-and-West mixture of Japanese Kabuki theatre, Egyptian national and sentimental songs and the finale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

The new complex, including a main auditorium and two smaller theatres, replaced a defunct opera house which has been built in 1869 to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal but was destroyed by fire in 1971.

Dream

"A dream come true" was the reaction of many critics and intellectuals, but some lambasted the opening programme for being predominantly non-Egyptian, while others objected to the high entry prices.

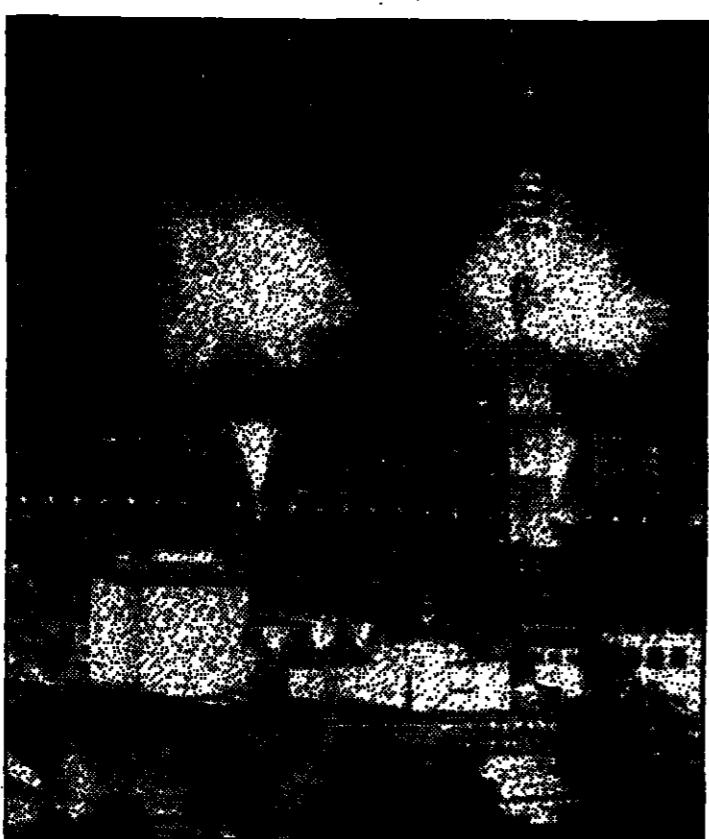
Musical bands, sword- and torch-bearers welcomed Mubarak when he arrived at Guezira island in central Cairo where the domed, cream-coloured structure was built by the Japanese over the past four years and fitted with state-of-the-art equipment.

After unveiling a memorial plaque, Mubarak, and about 1,200 guests, sat down to watch a Japanese Kabuki troupe present a performance for the first time in the Middle East and Africa.

Kabuki is a form of Japanese drama dating back to the 17th century, with male actors performing all roles, usually in a restrained form ranging from pantomime to dance and song.

The visiting troupe of 15 actors, led by the celebrated Tomijuro Nakamura, and 15 musicians, performed a play depicting the plight of three political exiles banished to a "devil's island" for anti-government conspiracy.

Japanese sources confirmed that although Kabuki art was performed many times outside Japan, mainly in Europe and the United States, this was its first presentation anywhere in the Middle East or Africa.



Fireworks cascade over Cairo's new opera house inaugurated by President Hosni Mubarak.

(Reuter wirephoto)

Burma's rulers purge civil servants

BANGKOK, Oct 11, (Reuter): Hundreds of Burmese civil servants have been arrested or sacked as the authorities consolidate power three weeks after staging a bloody military coup, diplomats and opposition figures said today.

They also said opposition parties set up to contest promised elections were being harassed by Army personnel to stop them recruiting new members.

The sources, contacted by telephone in Rangoon, said the purge involved high-ranking government workers accused of supporting pro-democracy demonstrations and strikes which sparked the Sept 18 coup.

Top officials

"In the last week more than 1,000 have been arrested or sacked in Rangoon. A lot of them are director-generals which means the highest civil servant rank below the political level," said one Western diplomat.

They included the director-general of communications and of ports, and the medical director and director of the electricity cor-

poration of the northeastern city of Taunggyi, which saw some of the bloodiest clashes.

A top pilot of the state airline Burma Airways and 18 officials at the Burma Broadcasting Service were also dismissed after supporting the drive to end 25 years of single-party socialist rule, the sources said.

"The picture is entirely clear that an interim government preparing for democratic elections is systematically sacking those who took part in the peaceable movement to press for such elections," one Western diplomat said.

"One can guess that this comes from the very top and is an act of revenge against those who turned against the system."

There has been no official confirmation of the purge, but the sources said it had had a bad effect on morale in the government apparatus.

The Army took over after six months of national protest and violent repression in which thousands were killed, promising general elections as soon as order was restored.

Flood waters recede in Pakistan

LAHORE, Oct 11, (AP): Flood waters receded in eastern Pakistan today after doing an estimated \$277 million worth of damage, officials said.

Five swollen rivers which had overflowed and caused the worst flooding here in recent memory were finally draining into the Indus River, meteorologists reported. They said the Indus was expected to be able to carry most of the excess water safely to the Indian Ocean.

Official figures released by the government put the death toll at 196 in Punjab province, but unofficial estimates indicated more than 300 people may have died.

Officials said the waters inundated 4,011 villages in the province, destroyed 71,127 homes and damaged 87,116 more.

Damage so far was estimated at about \$277 million, they said.

The floods, caused by heavy rains on the northern subcontinent in late September, also caused widespread devastation in India and Bangladesh.

Pakistani relief agencies and the Army set up dozens of relief and rescue centers around the populous Punjab. Thousands of people were vaccinated against typhus and cholera but officials said no major outbreaks were reported.

Peres escapes attack in campaign violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 11, (Reuter): Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has escaped injury in a stone-throwing attack, as campaign violence surges three weeks ahead of Israeli elections.

An assailant hurled a stone at Peres's car before a rally in the Israeli industrial town of Kiryat Gat. It was the fourth disruption this week of a campaign trip by the leader of the centre-left Labour Party, a partner in the ruling coalition.

Witnesses said the stone damaged the car roof and the stone-thrower escaped in the dark. Peres ignored the incident in his speech at the Kiryat Gat cultural centre.

Labour and the rightist Likud bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir have blamed each other for the rising violence. The two parties, traditional rivals, formed a unity government after inconclusive elections in 1984.

After the Kiryat Gat attack, Likud appealed to police to identify and arrest the assailant.

Over the weekend, police

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Mujahedeen control Kunar province

Afghan city falls to rebels

ISLAMABAD, Oct 11, (AP): A spokesman for an Afghan guerrilla group said today that Muslim rebels have captured Asadabad, a provincial capital, after a month-long siege.

Details of the capture, which gives rebels control of the entire northeastern Afghanistan Kunar province, were sketchy, said Asim Nasser Zia, a spokesman for the National Islamic Front of Afghanistan.

Afghan troops began evacuating Asadabad last week, taking fortifications, said Fazle Akbar, a representative of the Afghan information and documentation centre in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar.

Kunar province hugs the border with Pakistan and is a strategic link to Afghanistan's north.

It captures opens a northern route to the Afghan capital of Kabul and gives guerrillas access to the eastern city of Jalalabad.

Asadabad, known among Afghans as Chaghacrai, is about 20 kilometres from the Pakistan border and 160 kilometres northeast of Kabul.

In addition to Asadabad, guerrillas now boast control of Sharai, the southeastern Pakhtika provincial capital, Toloqar, the northeastern Takhar province and the central Bamyan provincial centre.

Sharai and Asadabad have been captured within the last two weeks.

US-backed mujahedeen have been waging a 10-year war with the Soviet-backed government in Kabul. The Soviets agreed this year to withdraw their troops, which have been in Afghanistan since 1979.

Half of the estimated 100,300 troops were withdrawn by mid-August, according to the United Nations. But Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said last month that the withdrawal was being halted pending investigation of violations of the agreement.

A fleet of military vehicles, a helicopter, a tank and five million Afghans (\$28,000) are among the spoils to fall to Muslim guerrillas who captured an eastern Afghan garrison, a resistance spokesman said on Monday.

The commander was so excited about the spoils that he didn't say anything about the government or whether guerrillas captured the garrison or Afghan troops evacuated it, he said.

US to pay \$500m for keeping bases in Philippines

MANILA, Oct 11, (AP): US and Filipino officials have reached a tentative agreement under which Washington would provide a \$500 million compensation package for use of its six bases here, three newspapers reported today.

A Filipino source told the Associated Press on Monday that the two sides had finished reviewing an agreement governing US bases, and an agreement lasting through 1991 was possible within a week.

"It's over. An agreement is possible within a few days, maybe within a week's time," said the source.

"There was compromise on both sides," said the source, who is involved in the talks. He said both panels were working on the wording of the agreement.

In April, US and Philippines panels began talks on the status of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations in the Philippines. However, the talks stalled over compensation and other issues.

The United States now pays about \$180 million a year for the bases. The Filipino panel reportedly demanded up to \$1.2 billion annually for the final two years of the agreement.

The source gave no details of the tentative agreement. But three Manila newspapers -- The Journal, Businessworld and Malaya, said today that the US has agreed to provide \$456 million in economic support, military assistance and commodities, mostly wheat.

In addition, the newspapers said the United States would provide unspecified loans, which the Philippines could use to purchase US Treasury bonds. The bonds would be used to retire some of the country's \$28 billion foreign debt.

Malaya said the total package, including cash, assistance and loans, would amount to more than \$500 million a year.

Businessworld quoted an unnamed source as saying US negotiators were "highly resistant" to the \$1.2 billion figure because US Secretary of State George Shultz publicly branded Filipino demands "out of bounds."

Iran holds exhibition in Moscow

NICOSIA, Oct 11, (Reuter): Iran has opened its first exhibition in the Soviet Union since the 1979 Islamic revolution, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

About 200 industrial products went on show in Moscow yesterday in a bid to boost trade with the Soviet Union, the agency said.

IRNA said Iranian and Soviet officials speaking at the opening ceremony expressed interest in expanding trade between the two neighbouring countries.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran attaches great importance to relations with countries which respect Iran's sovereignty," IRNA quoted Hussein Khabbazan, the head of Iran's export promotion centre, as saying.

Iran and the Soviet Union exchanged goods worth \$233 million in 1987, and the volume of trade is expected to rise to \$350 million this year, according to Iran's Chamber of Commerce magazine.

Iranian officials said ties with the Soviet Union, strained by Moscow's arms supplies to Iraq, would improve after a UN-brokered ceasefire ended fighting in August in the eight-year-long Iran-Iraq war.

The campaign for the Nov 1 election has focused largely on how to achieve Middle East peace amid a 10-month-old Palestinian uprising in occupied territories.

Labour and Likud are at odds over the peace issue. Labour supports convening an international Middle East peace conference and conceding occupied land for peace, both policies opposed by Likud.

Shamir, while urging supporters to exercise restraint, was also quoted by the Israeli press as saying of Peres: "What can someone who broke up the unity expect? Love?"

Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach Party, campaigning to expel the two million Arabs under Israeli rule, faced a high court hearing on whether to bar it from contesting the election.

Indian novelist dies in US

ST. LOUIS, Oct 11, (AP): A funeral was held yesterday for Bhabani Bhattacharya, an internationally known Indian novelist and professor, who died a day earlier at age 81 after a heart attack.

The body was cremated.

Bhattacharya, born in Bihar, India, was educated in England, receiving a doctoral degree from the London School of Economics.

He served as press attaché at the Indian Embassy in Washington and was an editor of The Illustrated Weekly of India in the early 1950s in Bombay. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, he was a visiting professor at Harvard University.

His novels, written in English and translated into 28 languages, focused on social and economic trends in India. Among the novels were "A goddess of Gold," "He Who Rides the Tiger," "Music for Mohini," and "So Many Hungry." His last novel "A Dream in Hawaii," was published in 1972.

Sinhalese retaliate against peace accord

Blast hurts six in Colombo

COLOMBO, Oct 11, (AP):

Three bombs exploded in the capital and injured at least six people today, a day after five people died during a nationwide strike protesting the government's peace overtures to Tamil rebels.

Authorities believe the bombs were planted by the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhalese group that called Monday's strike, said A. S. Senaviratne, deputy inspector-general of police.

Troops and police cordoned off the area of the blasts and conducted search operations, Seneviratne said. "A number of suspects have been taken in for questioning."

Two bombs exploded in the business centre of Colombo, while a third went off near a supermarket in a suburb of the city, he said.

Meanwhile, the Liberation

Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest and most militant rebel group, said it was responsible for the killing on Sunday of 47 Tamils, who are fighting for an independent homeland in the northeastern province.

The group has vowed to kill all

supporters of the accord and is blamed for at least 500 deaths since the agreement was signed on July 29, 1987.

Dental

Two bombs had exploded in Colombo on Monday during the strike, injuring four people, including two soldiers.

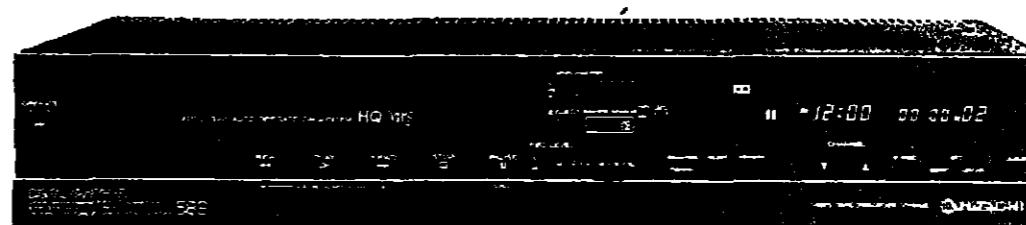
Five people died and four others were injured on Monday when police opened fire on a group of Sinhalese demonstrators who attacked a police station in the town of Matara, about 136 kms south of Colombo, he said.

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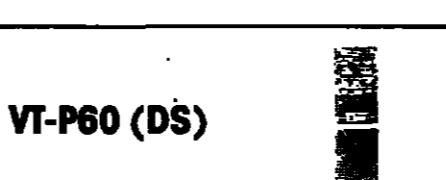
burst of violence in the ethnically-divided island for the past year and came a day before nominations closed for local administrative council in the Tamil-dominated northeastern province.

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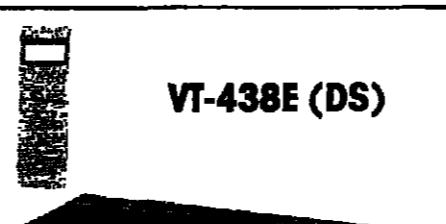
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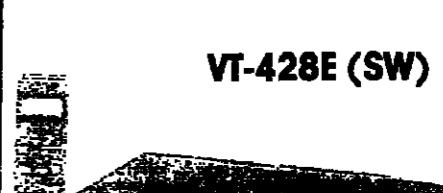
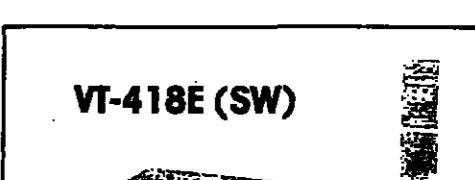


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Information ministers begin conference

JEDDAH, Oct 11. (KUNA): Information ministers or their representatives from 44 Islamic states began their first conference here today to formulate a comprehensive and clear information strategy.

The secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Sharifuddin Pirzada has said that the Islamic world desperately needs a strategy to confront dangerous challenges which undermine its belief, culture, civilisation and key issues, topped by the Palestine cause.

Pirzada noted that the first Islamic Conference for Information Ministers, which was inaugurated by King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia will call on all Muslims to stick together to overcome difficult circumstances.

Ministers reminded of the power of information

JEDDAH, Oct 11. (KUNA): Kuwait's Acting Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed today reminded information ministers of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference member states of the power of information based on Islam and their responsibility to highlight the activities of the OIC.

The minister was addressing the opening session of the first conference of OIC information ministers who are gathering here to plan an Islamic information strategy and enhance the efforts of the member states towards that end.

The responsibility of the information ministers of the OIC is two-fold. They should help teach the new generation ideals of brotherhood and love and direct their energies towards creativity and progress while retaining

King Fahd urged Islamic nations to give due attention to information and media as vehicles to enlighten other countries about Islamic causes and relay the benevolent message of Islam.

The Bahraini information minister visited Sheikh Nasser yesterday at his home in the conference centre. The two officials discussed the meeting's agenda and bilateral relations.

Sources at the conference told KUNA that during their two-day gathering, the ministers will discuss two documents from Saudi Arabia. The documents relate to the general perspective for the Islamic information strategy and upgrading the OIC's information plan.

The sources added that the ministers will also discuss a document submitted by Pirzada on the future Islamic information strategy.

They were welcomed by the world community.

The Amir's proposals to the United Nations were in essence Islamic principles for lowering debts and alleviating the suffering of the indebted nations and offering brotherly assistance, the minister said.

Sheikh Nasser, who is leading the Kuwaiti delegation to the conference, said information is not a reflection of the state of affairs but a hope.

"Let us know the truth and cooperate in drawing a picture of the aspirations and build bridges between the de facto situation of today and the hopes of tomorrow," he said.

The knowledge of others about information techniques will help the Muslims promote their means of information, he pointed out.

He said he had no intention to analyse the document or the other four delivered by the previous four Islamic summit chairmen, but meant to refer to the positive sides of the address especially the proposals which



HH the Amir received yesterday at the Court of Higher Appeals, a number of new chancellors, who took their oaths before him.

Arab envoys defend Iraq

LONDON, Oct 11. (KUNA): A group of Arab ambassadors here, including Ghazi Al Rayes of Kuwait, today repudiated the Western allegations about Iraq's use of chemical weapons.

Others attending the talks with British Foreign Office William Waldegrave were ambassadors of Saudi Arabia, Morocco, North Yemen, Iraq and the head of the Arab League office here.

The Foreign Office said that the envoys emphasised to Waldegrave that there is no evidence to support the accusations against Iraq.

During a meeting here on Sept 27, the Council of Arab Ambassadors condemned the Western campaign against Baghdad. The council also expressed surprise at the persistent allegations, despite repeated denials by Turkey and the International Red Cross that Iraq used chemical weapons against the Kurdish population.

In a statement issued at the end of their September session, the ambassadors said they decided to set up a committee to counter these allegations and to meet British officials to express their dismay and to denounce the campaign.

However following the 40-minute meeting with the envoys this afternoon, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said that Britain still believes that the UN should have been allowed to send a team to Iraq to investigate the allegations.

Waldegrave also said that Britain supports the US proposal for a meeting of the Geneva Protocol signatories to reinforce adherence to the accord.

Meanwhile, the minister noted the statement issued by Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz on Sept 17. In the statement he stressed that Baghdad abides by international law and all agreements, including the 1925 Geneva Protocol banning the use of chemical weapons.

One killed, five hurt in accidents

ONE man died and five other persons including a woman and child were injured in 20 traffic accidents which occurred on Monday.

The man, identified as an Afghan national, was run over by a construction bulldozer at a work site in the Sharq area. He died instantly.

The capital governorate reported seven accidents, Jahra and Ahmad each had five and there were three wrecks in Hawalli.

Houli said the defects included cave-ins because of loose ground underneath the pavements. The problem was caused by faulty work by contractors, he said.

The minister admitted shortcomings by the ministry's supervisors and contractors, but said these shortcomings were remedied.

He urged citizens to cooperate with the ministry to make the project a success.

He expressed regret that citizens prevent the ministry's labourers from removing old pavements in front of houses to replace them with new ones.

Additionally, mini celebrations in the four governorates will be held. Leaflets, brochures and manuals will be distributed illustrating health, social and landscaping endeavours at the national level.

The Ministry of Education will publish special information programmes at schools and youth centres to highlight the significance of growing trees and protecting vegetation.

The Union of Co-operative Societies held a meeting of chairmen of local co-operative societies to discuss the ability of every co-operative society and its branches to provide services which will be needed after the closure of groceries.

7 arrested for selling alcohol

KUWAIT, Oct 11. (KUNA): Police investigators of Al Ahmadi Governorate have arrested seven persons for brewing and selling alcoholic beverages at their home in the Wafra area.

A press release by the ministry today said a Filipino who was arrested for selling a bottle for KD20 led the police to his Thai partners.

Telephone card system expanded

available at all telecommunications centres.

THE magnetized telephone card system which became available in Kuwait in May 1987 has been expanded with the addition of telephones by the Ministry of Communications.

The ministry recently installed 14 additional public telephones which can be operated with the card.

The system has already been successful at telecommunications centres in Hawalli, Salmiya, Jumeirah Shuwaikh, Jahra and another three areas in Kuwait City. Fadel Abou Al Hasan, director of marketing and services assistance at the Ministry of Communications, said.

The system will save time and money, he said. Card holders will no longer have to wait in public call boxes.

Card holders will also be able to take advantage of the new reduced prices for overseas calls which will go into effect in November.

Al Hasan said that the ministry issued magnetized cards at prices ranging from KD3 and KD5 to KD10. The cards are



The Arab Times Bingo No 66 winners received their prizes yesterday. From left are: Kavneet Sethi (first full house), Emmanuel D. Soans (second full house) and Jennifer D'Costa (four corners).

Sudan thanks Kuwait for aid

KUWAIT, Oct 11. (KUNA): Sudanese Culture and Information Minister Abdulla Mohamed Ahmed has highly praised Sudanese-Kuwaiti relations and voiced his country's gratitude for Kuwait's assistance to Sudan.

In an interview with the local daily published here today, Ahmed said Sudan wants to further strengthen relations with Kuwait.

However, Ahmed was critical of the Arab-Sudanese relations in general.

"According to my own evaluation, I believe that Sudan's relations with the Arab countries are chilly in general. Further efforts by the Sudanese and Arab peoples are necessary to strengthen those ties in the interest of Arab and Islamic ambitions," the Sudanese minister was quoted as saying.

"Ahmed accused foreign media of violating Sudan's laws by bringing in sophisticated equipment without the knowledge of the

campaign.

"We are upgrading our Army and we deal firmly with all the elements of insurgency, but at the same time we extend a hand for peace and dialogue," he said.

Khartoum authorities. He said that a foreign news agency he did not name recently smuggled transmission equipment into the capital.

He explained that the Western countries are launching a hostile campaign against Sudan because of its Arab and Islamic drive.

Ahmed indicated that the Sudan has a huge oil reserve which has not yet been exploited.

He claimed that Sudan's crude reserve is equal to that in the entire oil-rich Gulf countries.

Insurgence

Ahmed accused the leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement John Garang of being a puppet for foreign powers. He said his government offered several peace initiatives, but all were unheeded by Garang.

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The Public Works Ministry is working with the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources to reserve space for landscaping that does not conflict with ministry services, Houti said. He also praised the co-operation the authority received.

In an exclusive interview with KUNA, Houti added that practical measures have been taken to prevent any conflict of powers between the services ministries.

The Ministry of Public Works also adopted a final system for classifying contractors to protect them, the minister said.

He asserted that the ministry finished a study of the general plan for administrative development in line with the comprehensive national plan.

Pavements will be built at public facilities, main and side roads and market places, the minister indicated.

The two-year project will cost about KD 6 million, he said. The project is part of the national afforestation plan.

The ministry wants to avoid previous defects in pavement works by following a new policy in this respect, the minister emphasized.

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Tree Day celebrations planned



FINAL preparations are under way to celebrate "Tree Day and Greening Week," according to Abdul Mohsen Al Qallaf the director of the Parks and Afforestation Department at the Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Authority.

The celebrations will be held at the Shuwaikh Main Celebrations site, as well as other locations in the country, the official said.

A special memorial monument will be erected on the occasion and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla will plant a tree, the official said.

Speaking to Al Rai Al Aam, the director said that the idea for the celebration stemmed from a nation-wide effort to landscape the State of Kuwait in response to directives of HH the Amir.

Exhibit

A special exhibition of old local agricultural and poultry-keeping techniques as well as representations of old Kuwaiti souks and buildings will also be featured.

Another special exhibit will feature the latest technologies in agriculture and food processing field to provide visitors an idea of the produce of local companies.

The authority is distributing 350,000 seedlings free to residents during the first afforestation week which began on Monday and will last until Oct 20.

The seedlings are being provided at distribution centres in Omariya, Sabahiyah and Doha. Ten additional distribution centres have also been established.

The authority provided 17 types of trees to be distributed among residents, schools and establishments. Twenty-five trees per resident and 50 trees per establishment were provided.

The distribution will continue mornings and evenings until the end of the week.

Parks

Al Qallaf also said that the authority is sponsoring the construction of 23 new public parks in various locations. Construction of 14 of these will be completed by next November, he added.

In a related development, the



The Filipinos and Thais who were caught brewing and selling liquor in Wair al-Salam today.

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VIDEO CORNER

Rigor Mortis sets in and falls apart

By Gail Seery

I've been meaning to ask this question for a long time: how come movie detectives always drive around in beautiful cars? How come they're always flashy and poised and reckless? This time the car is red convertible, and far too good for the likes of Roger Mortis and Doug Bigelow. Watch the first name — there will be a serious special effect at play on words in the course of the film.

Dead Heat is not really worth seeing. I suppose it's a valiant attempt to find a new twist to the standard cops and robbers motif, but it degenerates into an excuse for long drawn out shooting sessions where nobody falls down for long, and not-particularly-astounding special effects.

Our two detectives are working on a series of excessively violent robberies, and manage to kill two of the thugs. These are, naturally enough, taken to the morgue. Here is another question for you. One was

blown up with his own hand-grenade, the other was crashed into at great speed by Mr Mortis driving a commandeer'd car; so how come the bodies are intact on the slab? Forget the question, there isn't an answer. Anyway the pretty coroner, Rebecca, whose mannequin is in the film is to have nice hair, says that in fact the villains have been in the morgue before — and that she performed the autopsy herself and even has photographs to prove it.

"Is there anything else you find strange in these guys?" asks detective Mortis, as if that wasn't enough.

The trail takes them to Dante Pharmaceuticals (another in-joke) where Miss James, with an identical hair style to Rebecca, gives them an exaggerated tour of the premises. Obviously, all is not as it seems, and Roger Mortis gets killed. Then we discover what the baddies have been doing is bringing the dead back to life and using them to rob banks, jewellery stores, supply KTV

personnel etc. Rebecca and Doug bring Roger Mortis back to life, and then find that he will decompose in about 12 hours. Why? because the director has to find something for the special effects department to do.

The film continues from major violent killer attack, to mindless violence and back, growing increasingly gruesome, with the baddies and goodies bearing less and less resemblance to the living as the film progresses. The stupidest thing in the film is a deadly attack from dead ducks etc in a Chinese delicatessen. "You're hurt!" Miss James tells Mortis solicitously. "I'm dead lady," he replies. "That doesn't mean you can be rude," she retorts. This is the nearest to profundity that this film gets.

Then we have the gradual and spasmodic decomposing of Mortis' body. Another question, also without an answer: how come immediately after the gun battle, when Mortis looks in the mirror in the bath-

room, his bare torso has no bullet holes, and a little later, when being examined by Rebecca, whose hair is still perfect, he not only has bullet holes but is decomposing rapidly?

"Do you remember when we were training them used to tell us you can't be a good cop and a dead cop? Here's your chance to prove them wrong." Doug comforts him.

Then it turns out that Miss James is dead too, and to emphasise the point, does an instant decompose. Well, in the end, they get the baddy, Doug dies too, is also brought back to life and they walk off into the mist having shot anything that moves.

There are one or two quite nice scenes, like when Mortis climbs out of a body bag, obviously in an advanced stage of decay, and shows his warrant card to the traffic cop, who is totally terrified, but these are totally spoilt by other excesses within the film, like prolonged sequences of two dead people shooting each other, riddling

each other with bullet holes. By the end of the first ten minutes of the film this is already getting monotonous. I mean, how long and how many bullets does it take before a body would simply fall apart? That's certainly what the film does, from the opening moments onwards.

How can you kill someone whose already dead? This question does not seem to occur to the evil baddy who is bringing all these corpses to life. In an effort to avoid capture he takes a machine gun, which just happens to be lying around, and fires at the already sieve-like heroes.

Treat Williams plays Mortis, and looks better and better the more he decays, and Joe Piscopo, who partnered Danny DeVito in *Wise Guys*, is totally asinine as Doug. No-one should be broken-hearted if they can't find a copy of this video. Just like the cops in the story, the film starts weak, dies completely, but staggers on anyway, decomposing rapidly.

Willis joins ranks of macho supermen

By Brian Hollis

BRUCE WILLIS shot to fame in the series *Moonlighting*, as a tough detective with a sense of humour. As a result his screen career has also taken off in a big way, with his first major roles in *Blind Date* and *Sunset* portraying him in comedy parts. However, it was only when he was cast in the tough guy role that he really hit the big time. *Die Hard*, in which he plays a tough cop alone against a terrorist group, topped the box office in the USA for several weeks this summer, and it looks as if Willis has joined the ranks of macho supermen alongside Stallone, Bronson, Eastwood and Schwarzenegger. Moreover, Willis manages to carry it off with that mischievous charm which has won him millions of fans in *Moonlighting*. The (not very original) premise of *Die Hard* involves the terrorist takeover of the headquarters of a Japanese conglomerate in Los Angeles. These terrorists, however, are after ransom money and have devised an elaborate, cold hearted escape plan. Willis, a New York cop, accidentally gets involved when he comes to visit his estranged wife (Bonnie Bedelia) on Christmas Eve. Alan Rickman as the suave head terrorist, and Alexander Godunov as his hot headed number two, are good foils for Willis, and help raise *Die Hard* above the run of the

mill. While there are as many explosions and stunts as in any action picture, this at least has some style.

The scene of Tom Hulce's career was surely *Anamericana*, in which he played a madcap Mozart. Since then, in films such as *Echo Park*, and *Standance*, he has hardly made any impression. In another new theatrical release, *Dominick and Eugene*, he plays the slow-movementally retarded twin brother of Ray Liotta. Whilst Liotta is a graduate doctor, offered a fellowship at Stanford, his brother works on a garbage disposal truck. Yet both try to stay together in a world trying to tear them apart. As the plot develops we begin to understand that Hulce's condition is not hereditary, and that something happened to him as a child. When he sees a father maltreat his son and push him down a flight of stairs, long suppressed memories are reawakened, with potentially tragic consequences.

Bill Forsythe is a well known name in the British film industry due to the successes of his offbeat comedies *Gregory's Girl* and *Local Hero*. His first American film is *Housekeeping*, starring Christine Lahti and Sarah Walker, and like his previous efforts is full of atmosphere and lingering strangeness. The story is told by one of two sisters growing up in the Pacific Northwest. They never

knew their father and while they are very small, their mother kisses them goodbye and drives her car over a cliff into a lake. Madness seems to run in the family, and after a spell with various old and dirty relatives, they end up in the care of an aunt whose idea of housekeeping is odd to say the least. She stacks the house with old newspapers and polished empty food cans and generally feels the call of the bizarre and the nutty. One of the sisters revels in it, the other feels threatened.

This is a delightful movie, full of low-key poetry and visual niceties. *Land*, as the nutty aunt, is one of the most quirky and lovable characters for a long time.

A Gathering of Old Men is a more serious movie which received wide acclaim when it was released recently in America. Beaux Bouxtan, a vicious white Cajun, lies shot dead in the yard of a black man, and it is only a matter of time before the lynch mob appears. Before it does, plantation heiress Holly Hunter spreads the word through the black community, ordering her negroes to take stand and save the purported executioner played by Louis Gossett Jr. In a short time, 18 black over 70s are standing up to the blows of the hardboiled sheriff (Richard Widmark), each vehemently claiming responsibility for the

crime. Not surprisingly this causes something of a stir in the Cajun community, elements of which are thirsting for Negro blood. *A Gathering of Old Men* is a simple well told story about people who refuse to give up their dignity, even under extreme pressure. The whites are a bit shortchanged in the process and we are left wondering if (nearly) all Cajuns are racialist maniacs. However, this only detracts slightly from what is otherwise an extremely professionally crafted film.

Yet another movie set in

rural America is *A Killing Affair*, starring Peter Weller. In the woods of the Appalachians, a woman takes in the man who has murdered her husband. He claims that the husband raped his wife and killed her, but the isolated setting of the house already tells us that there's a lot more blood and suspense in store.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI Fintas/Farwane; Video Nauj, Tel: 2432809; and Video Club, Salmiya, Tel: 5724372.

Sounds Great

AFTER their very successful *Welcome Back/Welcome To Kuwait Dance Party* at the Messilah Beach Hotel recently, at which 400 people attended, the 'Sounds Great' Organisation announces that rehearsals are well under way for their next show which is a pop/rock musical to be presented at the Salmiya Cinema at 8 pm nightly from 19th to 22nd October, 1988.

The show will feature the Jukebox Band for the first half of the evening, with talented June Woolston on keyboards & vocals, Phil Thomas on drums, Ammar Al Binai — lead guitar, Brian Mitchell — rhythm guitar, Oliver Sequira — bass guitar and Malcolm MacDonald — saxophone & keyboards.

5718143. Tickets must be collected from Salmiya Cinema box office by Friday, Oct. 14. Tickets also available from the box office nightly from 5-9 pm from Oct. 8.

IAC Musical Nite

OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. The pianist will also conduct two master classes for experienced musicians and amateurs on Oct 17 and 18 from 4-6 pm. Tickets for the concert available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm. 4 - 6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

MUSIC

Kuwait Singers

SATURDAY/MONDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert, at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

Beat Show

OCT 14: IAC, Funaites, 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin

and Top Ranks, choreography by Nasch and Qariba; break-dance by Fernandes Boys. Kuwait Goans production. For details ring 2413348.

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Covalta/Kapilika

OCT 22: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 6 pm. Kapilika and Flasik will celebrate their seventh anniversary. For details phone Edna — 6334200; Florence — 2439451; Jojo — 9039593.

Covalta Nite

OCT 27: 8.30 pm. MBH: Covalta Nite with music by the Top Ranks. For details phone 2434776; 2413884; 4310913; 5629141 (after 5 pm).

Halloween Party

OCT 31: Children's Halloween pool party at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fancy dress competition, pantomime fun and fun games. For reservations call the hotel ext. 739/751.

Nite Flight 88

NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent. 9.30 pm: The airline staff's first get-together; lavish buffet, music by Juke Box

Band, Stepping Stones, Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto, Jazz Quartet. Contest, prizes and surprise. For details ring John — 2434313/24, Tony 2415439.

Guitar Recital

OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton Hotel: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

CINEMA

British Council

OCT 16/17: 6.30 pm. British Council, Mansouriya: This month's feature film, *Dreamchild*, the compelling story of Alice Hargreaves who relives her past, moving between a hallucinogenic "Wonderland Oxford" in the 1860s and New York of the 1930s. Admission free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

SPORTS

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.30 Space Adventures
- 10.15 Ibn Al Jabal
- 11.15 Bu Saleh Youreed Hallan: local serial, starring Ibrahim Al Salal, Ali Al Mufidi, Mariam Al Ghadban, Zainab Al Dhahi and Daoud Hussain
- 12.00 News
- 12.15 Cultural film
- 1.00 News
- 1.05 World today via satellite
- 1.50 Variety show
- 2.30 Araq Al Daliyah
- 3.30 Cartoons
- 4.15 Feature film: "The Pirate"
- 6.00 Bundok and Budokha: serial for children
- 7.00 Traffic seminar
- 7.45 Open University
- 8.30 Waqatal Al Arab
- 9.00 News

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 My Pet Monster: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Wonderstruck: a look at Egyptian mummies and elephants
- 7.00 Pals "Lost": Sammy, who lives with his grandparents, leaves home to join his father. Growing Pains: "This is Life." Ben is asked to behave like a "true Seaver" and go ahead with surgery
- 7.30 Prompt! (ex. 26th Just a Minute)

8.00 News in English
8.40 Probe: detective series with Mickey and Austin, who agree to apply new gimmicks to play an old tale

9.30 The Secret World: "Killers of the Night." Documentary. Superstitions — old and new — form the theme of tonight's episode; also a look at witchcraft and evil spirits

10.00 What's Happening Now: "A Horse is Not a House." A misprint in the newspaper leads to an embarrassing situation.

10.30 L.A. Law: News Summary

11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsreel
- 30 Omnibus
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Report on Religion
- 45 Country Style
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Lyrics and Lyricists
- 30 Citizens
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Discover
- 0400 Newsdesk
- 30 Katherine Mansfield Stories
- 45 Reflections (ex. 26th Report on Religion)
- 50 Financial News (ex. 26th Report on Religion contd.)
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Report on Religion (ex. 26th Financial News)
- 46 (26th only) Reflections
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Meridian

- 1100 World News
- 09 Newsabout Britain
- 15 Katherine Mansfield Stories
- 30 Meridian
- 1200 Radio Newsreel
- 15 Smith and Son
- 35 The Farming World
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Development '88
- 1400 Outlook, opening with

5-Minute News
45 Report on Religion
1500 Radio Seaweed
15 Mastering Photography
30 Star and 12th After Henry:
9th and 26th The Million Pound Round Show
1600 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Celluloid Rock
45 The World Today
1700 World News
09 Commentary
15 Society Today
30 New Ideas
40 Book Choice
45 Sports Roundup
1800 Newsdesk
30 Multitask 2
1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary
39 Stock Market Report
45 Good Books

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1900 Opening
1910 Behisera Qual
1916 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Subha-e-Nau
2000 News
2010 Newsdesk
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown

there are not many local productions, the official said. He added that Kuwait TV is now preparing an ambitious production plan which will start in October next year. It will include continuous dramatic productions year round.

Kuwait television is suffering from a shortage in actors who are able to participate in an entire year of work. However, Al Mudhaf is hopeful that other new graduates of the high institute for theatrical arts will play an effective role, Al Mudhaf said.

Kuwaiti actors and actresses are not totally devoted to dramatic work, but are involved in these activities on a seasonal basis. Consequently, Kuwaiti drama writers who have good knowledge of Kuwaiti traditions have been hired by Kuwait TV, he said.

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MAY God defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies — Francois Voltaire, French writer-philosopher (1694-1778).

Yugoslav leaders in panic over unrest

By Peter Humphrey

BELGRADE, (Reuter): Yugoslav leaders are desperately seeking to quell unrest which they see as rocking the very foundations of this multi-racial communist federation.

This was the assessment of Western diplomats and Yugoslav political analysts after one of the most turbulent weeks in the 43-year history of the post-war state.

A politburo power struggle for the country's future appears to be coming to a head amid violence on the streets.

"The past week's events have sent Yugoslav leaders to panic stations. They feel threatened. They see the entire regime at stake," said a Western ambassador in Belgrade.

Yugoslavia, with a mainly Slav population of 23 million people, has been a fragile community of potential disunity since it was first created as a Serbian-led kingdom from the ashes of World War I.

After fresh ravages wrought by World War II, the new communist regime of the late President Josip Broz Tito managed to weld the country into a socialist federation.

But since Tito's death in 1980, ethnic and territorial divisions have intensified, along with economic crises, as the country drifted under a collective leadership system.

Another Western ambassador said: "The silver lining in the cloud might be that a new leadership system emerges from the dust to put this country on its feet again. We would all welcome that, so long as the leader is not a despot."

Unrest has worsened in Yugoslavia as labour grievances, nationalist sentiments in Serbia, and concern over corruption and abuse of power have emerged in a broad platform of protest besieging the ruling elite of some 50 top communists.

There have been 800 strikes this year. Workers stormed

parliament in June. And throughout the summer Serbs and Montenegrins staged militant protests over alleged persecution of Slavs by ethnic Albanians in Kosovo province.

The Serbs have been egged on by praise from Serbian regional Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic, whose supporters have hailed him on the streets as a new Tito.

Western and Yugoslav analysts say Milosevic is responsible for accelerating the convergence of various types of unrest and igniting the politburo power struggle.

"He has stirred the cauldron," a Yugoslav analyst said.

In one instance a crowd of 100,000 people overthrew the regional party politburo of Vojvodina province, an autonomous part of Serbia.

Then thousands of protesters besieged parliament in the impoverished republic of Montenegro on Friday and Saturday and were stormed by paramilitary police in the first show of force against social and political unrest.

Many analysts say the brutal action by police with tear gas and clubs may trigger new and stronger protests.

Jubomir Tadic, a prominent Belgrade academic, told Reuters there could be a fierce backlash and that Montenegrin leaders were "digging their own graves by using force."

Franc Setin, a Slovenian who recently resigned from the politburo claiming he was disgusted with the power struggle, also sees the worst.

"There is a great danger of unbridled elements destroying our constitutional order," he told Yugoslav party leaders on Saturday. "I no longer feel safe on the streets of Belgrade."

Setin's republic, Slovenia, blames the Montenegro disturbances on Serbia.

Yugoslavs are now venting their frustration over all the waste and drift of the past eight years, a Western diplomat said, adding:

Black voters unmoved by US presidential campaign

By Michael Conlon

CHICAGO, (Reuter): America's blacks have so far found little to shout about in the 1988 presidential campaign.

Things could change in the four-and-a-half weeks left before the election.

But if blacks fail to muster sufficient enthusiasm to go to the polls, Democrat Michael Dukakis will go into his showdown against George Bush with a severe handicap.

"The big issue is turnout. If there's a low turnout, the black vote could be crucial, particularly in some key states including Illinois." Dukakis field organiser Donna Brazile, a black, told Reuters.

Four years ago, blacks, the Democrats' most loyal constituency, backed Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale over Ronald Reagan by about nine-to-one and accounted for 20 per cent of Mondale's votes.

Attract

But observers of black politics say Bush does not attract the same negative reaction from blacks that Reagan did, while Dukakis lacks Mondale's civil rights track record.

Some experts say Dukakis needs the strong backing of former presidential rival Jesse Jackson to stir up his fellow blacks.

The civil rights leader has generally played the good soldier, telling a gathering of black judges and political leaders that their constituents need a Democratic administration.

"You're at the point where you can say... 'I can do without the next president'. Maybe you can, but the people who believe in you can't," he said.

"The people we serve can't survive four more years of this direction."

But at other times Jackson has seemed clearly misled over what regards as mistreatment by Dukakis, who had promised him a key role in the campaign.

The two men have appeared together on just a handful of occasions, generally in remote black churches - an apparent bid by Dukakis strategists to avoid frightening conservative

white voters fearful that the liberal Jackson might have excessive influence in a Dukakis administration.

Dukakis himself has held only three rallies in predominantly black, inner-city neighbourhoods since the Democratic convention, the most recent one in Chicago on Oct 3.

And a New York Times poll in mid-September showed that only 69 per cent of black voters nationwide supported Dukakis — a dismal showing for a Democrat.

"It is apparent there is no great welling-up of enthusiasm," said James Williams, information director for the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, a group which takes a non-partisan stance in the election.

"Kenya's economy is an African success story, although it has started to stagger under the burden of the world's fastest-growing population — nearly 4 per cent pace that is expected to double the 22 million population by 2000."

Within Mondale there was a long track record in civil rights which made him really popular," he said in reference to the former Minnesota senator's role in pushing civil rights laws through the Senate. "And... Bush doesn't exert the same sort of negative feeling among blacks (that Reagan did)."

Roland Burris, a black who is state comptroller of Illinois and a vice-chair of the Democratic National Committee, said blacks will ultimately turn out for Dukakis.

"There is a hull," he said. "Are they dancing in the streets? Are they hyped? No. But that is coming. The momentum is building up and after the World Series baseball competition it will be at a fever pitch."

Interest

But William Sampson, an associate professor of sociology at Northwestern University and an observer of black politics, disagreed:

"The level of interest is low. To an awful lot of black voters, Reagan has been the quintessential ogre. Four years ago they had Reagan to vote against. They also had in Mondale an old-line civil rights supporter to vote for."

"This time around Bush says many of the same things but he doesn't stir quite the enmity. And there's no Mondale. Dukakis doesn't quite have the record or charisma that could overcome that," Sampson said.

High-tech optical and electronic detection equipment used

Israel using US Green Beret lessons in South Lebanon

By Bernard Edinger

BINT JBAIL, Lebanon, (Reuter): An Israeli graduate of the US Army's Special Forces School is applying lessons from American Green Beret instructors to Israel's self-styled security zone in South Lebanon.

"What I learned about unconventional warfare during a year at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is being put into practice by my unit in the security zone and beyond," said the 28-year-old major whom censors said could be named only as Eitan.

Buffer

He said the techniques included long-range patrolling behind enemy lines and the use of high-technology optical and electronic detection equipment.

Eitan, whose unit also may not be identified, spoke on a rare Army press tour of the zone along Israel's northern border.

His battalion operates in the almost wholly Muslim central sector of the buffer strip, set up three years ago when Israel withdrew most of the invasion force it sent into Lebanon in 1982.

The security zone is between four km (nearly three miles) and 15 km (nine miles) deep and runs about 100 km (60 miles) from the Mediterranean coastline to the slopes of Mount Hermon.

It is jointly patrolled by the allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, estimated to number 2,000 to 3,000 men and by Israel, which maintains several hundred soldiers in the zone and others nearby.

"What I learned was the need for aggressive long-range patrolling far beyond our lines and the need for the most modern detection equipment to prevent hostile infiltration into Israel," Eitan said during the tour.

Standing on the sandbagged

terrace of an Israeli firebase outside this Muslim town, he pointed to a shrub-covered ridge a mile (km) away and said: "Everything north of there is 'Indian country', uncontrolled by any authority."

Dusty Centurion tanks stood in the courtyard, where young soldiers laden with equipment assembled around squad leaders before heading into the fading daylight for night patrols and ambushes.

Job

"Our job is to prevent Palestinians... or whoever from coming through and crossing the border to kill Israeli civilians," he said.

Adversaries include half a dozen groups often also opposed to one another. The main ones are Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) commandos based in refugee camps at Tyre or Sidon or Syrian-backed

Palestinians based in the Bekaa valley to the east.

Iranian-backed Lebanese of the Hezbollah movement were perhaps the most aggressive opponents until the recent Iran-Iraq war ceasefire when they scaled down their operations.

A stone monument on the road behind the border fence commemorates eight Israeli children, aged between six and nine, killed there in May 1970 when Palestinian commandos ambushed their schoolbus.

Prisoners

The fence was not then equipped with today's electronic gadgets which Eitan says instantly warn of any attempt to cut it, climb it or jump over it.

Asked if useful information was gleaned from prisoners, Eitan looked puzzled and replied: "What prisoners? We

don't take prisoners."

The reply caused a colonel from the Army spokesman's office to leap in his seat as if struck with an electric cattle prod.

Eitan rapidly added that anti-commandos found wounded after battle were treated by the battalion doctor.

"What I meant was we don't call out 'you're under arrest' when we meet a heavily armed band in the dark," he added.

During one clash this summer, the lieutenant-colonel commanding a battalion next to Eitan's said: "The fence was not then equipped with today's electronic gadgets which Eitan says instantly warn of any attempt to cut it, climb it or jump over it."

Despite the higher risks, the young soldiers all said they preferred border duty to service in the riot-torn West Bank and Gaza strip.

Fear keeps Sikhs from Golden Temple

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Plants hit by drought 'cry out' for water

By Don Kendall

WASHINGTON. (AP): Plants withering from drought can literally "cry out" for water, according to plant scientists. And the cries for help may be attracting destructive insects far already suffering plants.

US Department of Agriculture researchers have been using electronic equipment for more than four years to hear corn and other drought-stressed plants make noises far above the frequency range normally audible to human ears.

When there is adequate water in the soil, water and nutrients flow upward to the plants' leaves through tiny water tubes. If the soil lacks enough water, the tension becomes too great and the tubes fracture, producing the "distress" sound.

One potential benefit from this kind of research would be new ways of letting irrigation farmers know precisely when to water their fields. Also, it could aid in developing new plant varieties that would be better equipped to move water and nutrients from roots to leaves.

Robert Haack, an entomologist at the department's north central forest experiment station in east Lansing, Michigan, and a colleague Bill Mattson, also think there might be a connection between the noises and flocking of some insects, such as bark beetles, to drought-damaged trees.

Trees with drought damage may be more attractive places for the insects to reproduce.

But while the ultrasonic emissions have been documented, their role in attracting insects remains only an educated guess.

Haack, the research leader, said in an interview that he thought it was a "neat idea" that the noises of stricken trees might attract insects.

"We're just starting up" on studying the sound link between trees and insects, he said. "We don't have enough to make any speculation on what we might find."

Haack said insects have been known for a long time to be attracted by certain influences such as colour and scent. But Haack said that to the best of his knowledge there has not been conclusive work linking the ultrasound of trees to insect behaviour.

The noises produced by drought-ravaged plants are in the 100-kilohertz range, while sound heard by humans is no more than about 30 kilohertz.

The tree project only got under way three weeks ago, he said. A lot of time has been spent rounding up necessary equipment, part of it borrowed from other laboratories near Michigan State University, where the forest service operation is located.

"It could turn out that these sounds do attract insects," Haack said. "Or it might not... or it might be a combination of things."

In any case, Haack is starting by depriving potted white pine seedlings of water and recording their ultrasounds. The next step will be to see if the recorded sounds attract beetles.

Eventually, Haack hopes to see what role the tree sounds play in the choice of sites for beetles to mate and lay eggs.

Next consumer gold-mine: dial-up electronics

By Yumi Kuramitsu

TOKYO. (Reuter): Telephone home if you want a bath drawn or dinner ready when you get back from work. Call to check if you've locked the door and turned off all the lights.

No matter that nobody is there.

Japan's electronic firms believe they have uncovered the next consumer gold mine — dial-up electronics. The market is young but growing.

"You dial home, code in the equipment and the electric machines will do most of the work you want," said Takanori Suzuki, general manager of home automation systems at Toshiba corporation.

"Dial home if you want to switch on the air conditioner or prepare a bath by the time you come home. You can check if you locked the door or if you turned the lights off," said Masahito Tezuka of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd.

Matsushita, a market leader in dial-up technology, said its home automation system sales hit 20 billion yen (150 million dollars) last year. They expect double that figure for this year.

The concept of telephone-directed electric machinery is not new, but industry analysts say Japanese firms are the first to commercialise the idea on a large scale.

Besides controlling most

household machinery, the systems can also be used in conjunction with fire and crime prevention equipment.

If a thief breaks into your home, your security alarm gets in touch with your telephone, which then pages you to warn of the intruder.

Matsushita's Tezuka said the systems could also have applications for the elderly or bed-ridden.

Spokesmen for major electrical manufacturers Mitsubishi, Sanyo Electric, and NEC said they are also developing dial-up home electronics divisions.

"I expect almost all new buildings and condominiums will be equipped with such systems

in the future," said a Toshiba spokesman.

The system is relatively inexpensive.

A system to control the air conditioning, lights and a rice cooker will cost about 130,000 yen (1,000 dollars), which is about the same price as a good television set in Japan.

It can be costly, however, to set up the system in older homes since a new wiring system must be installed.

The system is composed of a main controller plus electronic equipment and cables to connect the controller and the machinery a customer wishes to dial-up.

The main controller looks like a push-button telephone.

To turn the air conditioner on by telephone, for example, you just push two digits. The main controller then answers, indicating the air conditioner is on. You push another button to switch it off.

"Almost all newly sold air conditioners in Japan now have adaptors on their backs so that you can code them to a main controller," Tezuka said.

Matsushita has no immediate plans to export the equipment. "But we will introduce them in industry shows for the time when we will export them," a Matsushita spokesman said.

Not all potential customers are excited by the prospect of dialing up their rice cooker.

Blow hot, blow cold



Gaspard: solar absorption generator for the autonomous production of gentle refrigeration, can be of infinite use in tropical countries

convert solar heat into cold, following the principle of adsorption.

The evaporation of a liquid (methanol) produces the cold. During the night, an absorbent material (active charcoal)

absorbs it. The following day, the solar energy captured heats the absorbent substance which expels the methanol in the form of vapour, which, as it condenses collects in a tank.

At the end of the day, the condensed contents of the tank

return to the evaporator for another phase of night-time evaporation. Thanks to storage in the form of ice, the use of the cold is continuous. The total absence of moving parts, of adjustments, of wear and of corrosion should be noted.

This results in the great reliability of the system. The only maintenance required is to keep the solar collectors clean. There is no pollution and no noise. "Gaspard" can thus be of infinite use, particularly in tropical countries. The "Solar Adsorption Generator for the Autonomous Production of Gentle Refrigeration" reduces losses in agricultural produce, offers temporary storage for export produce, allows vaccines to be preserved, etc.

The other invention comes from J.C. Kiffer, a mechanics teacher in Pont-a-Mousson, who has just created a solar barbecue. A dish, 40 to 120 centimetres across, depending on the model, captures the sun's rays and directs them onto a hotplate made of sheet iron or cast iron which they heat up to around 750°C. The difficulty which the inventor managed to solve by carefully calculating his reflector, was to spread out the impact of the sun's rays all over the hotplate and not have it concentrated in a single spot. This piece of equipment is made of light composite materials with a high resistance. As it produces neither flames nor embers, there is no risk of fire and it stops working when it is turned over, as the dish then no longer captures the sun's rays.

values are concerned.

The trend to engines with 500cc capacity and over and to a higher litre performance is continuing. A further novel feature: starting and oil changing have been made easier on the new generation of motorbikes.

As from January 1989, motorbikes in the Federal Republic of Germany will only receive road-worthiness certificates providing that their exhaust fume values are below the ECE (European Standard) limits established in Geneva.

(K.M.)

Switch off boiler, lights, fridge or ... listen in to baby by remote control!

ERLANGEN. (INP): In the interval, someone attending a theatre performance goes out into the foyer in order to close his blinds at home some ten km away, after having omitted to take this safety precaution when he left for the theatre.

This remote control switching can be accomplished by a new technical development by Siemens. Siemens engineers speaking of their invention in the south German town of Erlangen, said that units can be switched on and off over any required distance — or regulated as required.

The special feature behind the breakthrough; not just one unit but three — and each independent of the others — can be operated by remote control via the telephone. In other words, you can control the hot-water boiler as well as the lights, the fridge or the central heating system. In addition, acoustic room monitoring is possible: during the interval at the theatre for instance, it is possible

ble "to listen in at home" to find out whether the baby is crying.

The new apparatus from the Federal Republic of Germany has four switching channels: three for the electric equipment and the fourth for the microphone for acoustic supervision of the home. In the house itself, the system is attached to the telephone network and the electric equipment which has to be operated.

The control commands are passed on in the form of coded sound impulses — by pressing a button on a handy battery-operated transmitter, held up against the telephone. No one can interfere with the system. The unit only reacts to a special — personal — identification code — which it has been provided with. The system has been approved by the German Post Office in the Federal Republic of Germany; in other countries, corresponding preparations have still to be carried out.



Electrical equipment at home or in the office can be switched via remote control by means of the new home appliance remote control telephone — operated system — devised by Siemens in the Federal Republic of Germany. An identification code is incorporated for safety reasons. In Germany, the purchasing price amounts to around DM 1,500.

Analysing instead of analysis, portation instead of transport English murdered by techno-babble

By Adrian Berry

THE English language is being murdered by people in the computer industry, according to a computer expert.

Their "techno-babble" includes words and phrases such as "analysis" instead of analysis" "portation" instead of transport".

Worst

One of the worst examples is the use of the word "office" as a verb, said Jim Seymour, a distinguished consultant, writing in the latest issue of the American journal, PC Magazine.

People say: "Where do you office?" or "I office in 47th Street."

Seymour picked the following examples of

teams reporting in a matrixly fashion.

"Some tables should be clustered round their owner in the database."

"Once you've detected an error, memory should be snapshoted immediately."

"We'll have to ballpark these time estimates," (i.e. get a rough guide to them).

Buy

"I wouldn't want to buy hardware or software which might erode the DEC-ness of my shop."

"We are uncomfortable with that long-term strategy."

"Getting a bit 'discomfortable' yourself?" Seymour remarks. "Believe me, these things are typical of the stuff that crosses my desk every day."

New star found in the galaxy

By Adrian Berry

THE most distant star ever

found has been discovered in a cluster of galaxies 500 million light years from Earth.

"It is going to throw light on the ultimate fate of the universe," said Dr Richard Ellis, of Durham University.

Dr Ellis measured its brightness through Britain's superpowerful new William Herschel telescope at La Palma in the Canary Islands.

A few weeks ago, from being totally invisible, it flared up to being four million times fainter than can be seen through the naked eye. Now it has dimmed again, becoming too faint for any telescope to see it.

into a giant black hole or whether it will continue to expand forever," Dr Ellis said.

"It is a simple chain of reasoning. The redness of the star tells us how fast it was receding from us when its light started on its journey to Earth 5,000 million years ago."

The redder the star, the faster it was receding. By comparing that speed with the universe's present rate of expansion, one could deduce whether the expansion would one day stop altogether and go into reverse.

"With a team of Danish colleagues at the European Southern Observatory's 3.6m telescope at La Silla in Chile, we hope to find many more ancient, distant stars of this kind in order to reach a firm conclusion."

By Smith

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Saadoun predicts oil price will settle around \$15

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (AP): A Kuwaiti economist today predicted that oil prices would settle around \$15 a barrel unless producers radically changed their behaviour by refraining from flooding the world market with oil.

Jassim Al Saadoun, chairman of the Shall Economic Consultancy Bureau, also criticised the failure of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to prop up prices.

"Though a possibility exists for the movement of prices between \$15 and 25 a barrel, I think prices will evolve around the minimum of \$15," Al Saadoun said in a lecture at the Kuwait Graduates Society.

OPEC has been seeking an \$18 per barrel price since December 1986, but a glut in the world oil market keeps a downward pressure on the prices, currently fluctuating between \$12 and 14 a barrel.

The glut is mainly due to overproduction by members of the 13-nation organisation.

Change

"The historical practice of producers in flooding the market with oil will be repeated, barring a radical change in the methods of their handling of oil and oil revenues," Al Saadoun said. "The scramble of producers to obtain higher revenues in a short time will apparently not come to an end."

He blamed weapons purchases by oil producers in the Third World and their development programmes as the reasons for increasing production and failure to create alternative income sources.

He also blamed the differences inside OPEC as a key reason for the decline in oil prices.

The undecided disruption of OPEC ranks which began in December 1985, when oil prices plunged to below \$10 a barrel is still in force despite the agreement concluded in October 1986. "Al Saadoun said, referring to the OPEC accord to fix the benchmark price at \$18 a barrel.

Oil exporting countries urged not to undercut prices

CAIRO, Egypt, Oct 11, (AP): Oil Minister Abdel-Hady Kandil today urged oil exporting countries to stop undercutting world prices in the rush to sell their crude, saying it was a main reason for the deterioration in oil prices, a newspaper reported.

The afternoon daily Al Misra quoted Kandil as suggesting a meeting of oil producing and oil consuming countries to stop the deterioration in global prices and bring stability in the interest of both groups.

Egypt produces 870,000 barrels a day, half of which is exported. The government's semi-monthly pricing committee has not officially decided its oil export prices for Oct 1-15 but industry sources have said that it is selling crude at a dollar a barrel less than September's prices.

Consumption

"Indications show that there are 3 million barrels produced daily which exceeds world consumption," Kandil said.

"I ask that they (oil producing countries) remain committed to the official selling price, and stop the selling policies that they use now because these are a principal cause for the decrease in world oil prices these days," he added, referring to some countries' undercutting of world prices. He did not accuse any country by name.

Indonesia earns more from its gas exports

AKARTA, Oct 11, (OPEC-IA): Indonesia earned more than \$1.59 billion from its liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports during the first six months of this year, an increase of over 29 per cent compared to the same period in 1987.

According to figures released by Bank Indonesia, the central bank, LNG earnings during the first half of last year totalled more than \$1.23 billion.

Oil export earnings during the first six months, however, declined to \$2.99 billion, down 1 per cent on the levels of the corresponding period of 1987.

The bank attributed the fall in income to oil price fluctuations during the period.

Market debacle reduced the fortunes of many of the ultra-affluent 400

US rich still rich despite Black Monday

NEW YORK, Oct 11, (AP): The stock market crash last year realigned the fortunes of the wealthiest Americans, but the really rich are still really rich, with 51 billionaires on the list — two more than in 1987, a new survey indicates.

Forbes magazine says its annual survey found the 400 wealthiest Americans had a total worth of about \$220 billion at mid-year, enough to wipe out the US government budget deficit, or nearly enough to cover the cost of the entire US military budget, which amounted to \$287 billion in 1987.

Last year's Oct 19 financial market debacle reduced the fortunes of many of the ultra-affluent 400. The magazine dropped 22 people from the list because their fortunes slipped below Forbes' \$225 million cutoff.

Fortune

Still, the average fortune on the list comes to \$551 million, up \$1 million from last year.

The list appears in the Oct 24 edition of Forbes, a leading US business magazine, and is based on holdings as of Aug 30.

Sam Walton, 70, easily held the No. 1 spot for the fourth year in a row, even though his net worth shrank by a whopping \$2 billion following the crash.

Underscoring the adage that the more you have, the more you can lose, billionaires were among

Walton, head of the Arkansas-based Wal-Mart discount store empire, scoffs at his \$6.7 billion in riches. He calls it "just paper — all I own is a pickup truck and a little Wal-Mart stock."

By Forbes' estimates of worldwide wealth, Walton rates fifth behind Japan's Yoshiaki Tsumi, \$18.9 billion; Taikichiro Mori, \$18 billion; Haruhiko Yoshimoto, \$7.8 billion; and Canada's Kenneth Cole Irving, \$8 billion.

Crash

The number of US billionaires nearly doubled in 1987, but Forbes' current list has only two additional billionaire spots, bringing the total to 51. Japan has the second-highest number of identified billionaires with 34.

Runner-up to Walton on the billionaire list is John Werner Kluge, the German-born head of Metromedia Co. with a net worth of \$3.2 billion.

Next in line are H. Ross Perot, the founder of Electronic Data Systems who wants to overhaul the United States' postal system, with \$3 billion; publishers Samuel L. Jr. and Donald Newhouse, \$2.6 billion each; and Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Lea Hillman, \$2.5 billion.

Underscoring the adage that the more you have, the more you can lose, billionaires were among

those hit hard by the crash.

Among the big losers were David Packard, founder of Hewlett-Packard, media magnate Keith Rupert Murdoch and retailer Leslie Wexner, each of whom suffered losses of up to 50 per cent of their fortunes. Murdoch was on a record, money-making pace in 1987, trebling his net worth to \$2.1 billion before the crash. But his fortune dwindled to 1.2 billion following Black Monday, relegating him to 35th place on the Forbes list, from 8th.

Fox Broadcasting, which Murdoch is trying to build into a fourth national broadcasting network, is expected to lose \$80 million this year.

Seven new names joined the elite Billionaire Club. Entering the fold was flamboyant New York real estate developer Donald Trump, who claims a net worth of \$3.47 billion, although Forbes' estimate is in the \$1 billion range.

Joining trump are:

— Sumner Murray Redstone, who boosted his balance sheet with the takeover of Viacom, \$1.4 billion.

— Press-Schlesinger Feeney, who runs duty-free shoppers at airports, \$1.3 billion.

— Charles Sammons, head of the privately held Sammons

Enterprises, the nation's 15th largest cable TV operator, \$1 billion.

— Charles de Ganahl Koch and David Hamilton Koch, brothers involved in oil services, \$1.1 billion each.

— Ronald O. Perelman, take-over strategist and head of Revlon, \$1 billion.

Slipped

Four businessmen slipped to the "lowly" ranks of multi-millionaires when their fortunes sank below \$1 billion: Laurence and Robert Tisch of Loews Corp., each estimated at \$850 million; Milton Petrie, the philanthropist and head of Petrie Stores, \$750 million; and Carl Lindner II, \$500 million.

William Henry Gates III, who dropped out of Harvard and founded the Microsoft Software Company, remained the youngest self-made millionaire at age 32. His net worth is estimated at \$1.1 billion.

Losses

The oldest person new to the list is Mansfield Freeman, who holds a stake in American International Group. With a fortune of \$240 million, he made the list for the first time, at age 93.

Among the 52 who disappeared from the list, 22 vanished because of Black Monday.

associated losses, 26 were surpassed by greater fortunes and four died. Among those who were surpassed were real estate and retail barons Herbert and Robert Haft of Washington. The plunge in their Dart group holdings pushed their net worth below the cutoff point.

Another dropout was Steven Spielberg, with an estimated \$225 million fortune in 1987.

The list of the richest, as usual, included Forbes publisher Malcolm Forbes. While not officially disclosing his net worth, the magazine put Forbes in the \$500-million category but cities various published reports that pegged his wealth at between \$400 million and over \$1 billion.

In a throwback to the days of the landed gentry, real estate has become the No. 1 source of wealth for members of the Forbes 400 wealthiest Americans.

Eighty-seven of the Forbes 400 made their fortunes principally from real estate, up from 73 last year, Forbes said.

Following real estate, manufacturing accounted for 75 of the Forbes 400 fortunes, media enterprises for 73, financial operations for 65, oil and gas for 30, retailing for 21, agriculture for 16 and high technology for 15. A variety of sources accounted for the 18 other fortunes.

World Business Summary

Iraq not responsible for oil price fall: Chalabi

JAKARTA, Oct 11, (Reuters): Iraq denied today its oil production levels were partly responsible for the recent plunge in oil prices. Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told reporters after talks with Indonesian President Suharto that Iraq's daily output of 2.7 million barrels had not changed since September last year. "Our production was fixed ... so the decline in prices can not be attributed to a single barrel from Iraq," he said. On Monday in Lagos, OPEC president Rilwan Lukman named Iraq as one of three main over-producers in the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Chalabi, whose country is not part of OPEC's present production quotas, put much of the blame for the recent sharp fall in oil prices to 26-month lows on non-OPEC producers. "We (OPEC) have done enough whereby we kept production low, we kept our oil selling low, and that allowed non-OPEC to jump, jump, jump," he said. "It's about time that they (non-OPEC producers) realize that they have equal responsibility." Chalabi said the problem of production and the distribution of production quotas would be discussed at next week's joint meeting of OPEC's committees.

The meeting, which Chalabi earlier said would be in Madrid, will bring together eight OPEC countries, including Iraq. Asked whether Iraq agreed with a recent call by Libya for an emergency meeting, Chalabi said: "No, I feel the solution will be to go for the joint meeting ... to start with and this is planned for next week. Why do we jump over to an emergency meeting?" A full OPEC meeting is already scheduled for November 20, but some countries have said an earlier one might be necessary to combat the fall in oil prices. A recent Reuter survey showed total production by the 13-member group was 20.06 million barrels per day in September. This compares with a current output pact for the 13 members limiting output to 15.05 million barrels daily.

Bank creditors agree to lend more money: Manila

MANILA, Oct 11, (Reuters): The Philippines' commercial creditors have agreed in principle to lend the heavily indebted nation more money, President Corazon Aquino's office said today. It said in a statement that the banks decided during a meeting in New York last week to wait for the Philippines to complete a new financing deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) before reconvening talks in about eight weeks. The Philippines is seeking up to \$2 billion, official sources said. The statement said the Philippine negotiating team held talks in a "positive and co-operative atmosphere" with the bank's 12-member advisory team in New York between October 4 and 6. "The members of the (banking) committee stated their readiness, together with official bilateral and multilateral sources, to provide the financing needed to sustain Philippine economic recovery," it said. The Philippines' creditor banks accounted for about \$15 billion of the country's total \$28.95 billion at the end of April. Manila's Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez told reporters before the talks began the Philippines faced a \$3.1 billion financing gap during 1989-1993. Today's statement said negotiators in New York had also discussed further restructuring of existing Philippine debt and "various re-financing and debt reduction possibilities." Last December, the Philippines concluded a \$13.2-billion rescheduling package which included a lower interest spread of 7/8 percentage points over the London Interbank Offered Rates from a previous 1-5/8 and a rollover of nearly \$3 billion of trade credits. Representatives of the IMF and the World Bank gave a briefing on Philippine economic developments and prospects to negotiators in New York, the statement said, but gave no details. Before the talks began, foreign banks said they were hesitant to lend new money to the Philippines. Bankers said earlier they wanted certain conditions to go along with any new financing, such as arranging re-lending programmes or tying the release of loan money with progress on World Bank projects. The statement said the talks "reinforced confidence of Philippine officials ... that the financing needed to sustain economic reform and recovery would be forthcoming."

Britain gives go ahead for development of Miller oil field

LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuters): Britain today gave the green light for development of the Miller oil and gas field, one of the biggest North Sea reservoirs discovered in recent years. Energy Minister Peter Morrison said in a statement he had approved proposals for the British Petroleum Co PLC £1.16 billion (\$1.98 billion) tract. The Miller field, lying about 140 miles (220 km) off Cruden Bay in northeastern Scotland, was discovered in late 1982. It is estimated to contain recoverable reserves of about 300 million barrels of oil and 173.7 billion cubic metres of gas. Production is targeted to start in December, 1991, with a peak of 113,000 barrels of oil per day within three months. It is the first major field approved since the Piper Alpha platform exploded in July, killing 167 men. Morrison said the deal showed there was still much interest in the North Sea. "Developing Miller is a very significant sign of the confidence which operators continue to have in the North Sea," he said. "It represents a tremendous opportunity for the offshore fabrication industry to win extremely valuable orders." Miller is the 17th and largest offshore project approved this year and is one of the biggest new developments since Britain's giant mature North Sea fields such as Brent and Ninian peaked several years ago. Britain, which is seeing some of its most active offshore drilling since a bonanza in the early 1970s, has recently approved mainly small tracts. The industry has been awaiting approval of the Miller project. Morrison said it followed a gas sales agreement which BP and its partners entered with the North of Scotland Hydro-electricity Board. It is the first time full gas output from an offshore field will be delivered to a customer other than British Gas PLC. Morrison said that with Miller, BP would take into account lessons learned from the Piper Alpha accident and preliminary safety suggestions by a government technical inquiry into it.

Chancellor Lawson flayed

LONDON, Oct 11, (Reuters): A former British minister today attacked Chancellor of the Exchequer (finance minister) Nigel Lawson for his economic policy and warned Conservatives on the opening day of their party conference against complacency. "Many commentators argue that the Conservatives are set fair to win the next election," John Biffen wrote in the Times of London. "Such views are comforting for Conservatives but they carry the seeds of complacency." Biffen, a Conservative Member of the Parliament and a former Minister at the Treasury (finance ministry), said the Conservatives, who open their annual party conference in Brighton this morning, should be alarmed by the present level of inflation. "Third-term conservatism will surely fail if it believes its policies are beyond question," Biffen warned in an article entitled "Why Lawson must recant." On Monday night Biffen, speaking on British television, called on Lawson to resign and urged the government to act immediately to halt and reverse the rise in inflation "before electoral considerations close in." His plea came after former Treasury Minister Leon Brittan warned Lawson must be ready to take direct action to curb consumer credit if inflation had not been brought under control by next spring. Inflation was running at an annual 5.7 per cent in August — the highest rate in the Group of Seven major Western industrialised countries — and some economists have forecast a rise to seven per cent soon.

Biffen, sacked by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after the last general elections in June 1987, criticised Lawson for having made tax cuts in his budget in March, which he said pushed up inflation. "If the Conservative government is to repose its initiative in economic policy, it must get back to the situation where inflation is falling, and falling well, well below 5.7 per cent," he said on Monday night. He added: "The chancellor has served with great distinction."

Eight West European countries have higher labour costs

VIENNA, Oct 11, (Reuters): At a recent computer trade fair in Warsaw, Western firms showing technology they were not allowed to sell looked on helplessly as Polish stands offered sophisticated machines to customers.

In Hungary, foreign computers, many subject to export restrictions, are flooding into the country as efficiency-conscious firms hand their high-tech shopping lists to Hungarian tourists visiting the West.

In Czechoslovakia, some organisations desperate for sophisticated computers import them piece by piece from the West, with official approval.

Efficiency

Throughout the East bloc, computer-hungry companies striving for more efficiency under the policy of perestroika (restructuring) advocated by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev are using ingenuity to get around Western exports restrictions and their lack of hard currency.

They are being backed by their governments, most of which have customs duty on foreign-

made computers as an inducement to their people to go out and get them.

According to diplomats in the region, many of the models are Western or Japanese makes banned from export to the East.

They are on a restricted list drawn up by the Paris-based Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), which aims to stop high-technology Western goods with potential misuse from falling into communist hands.

A Belgian dealer operating in East Europe complained: "Our biggest problem is that we need authorisation to export every piece of equipment, down to the smallest part."

"Meanwhile the stuff is coming in from Taiwan, and from West Berlin, where Poles can go shopping any time," he added.

A recent West Berlin television programme about the East bloc computer trade quoted the director of a Polish computer company, Feliks Sujkowski, as saying:

"Because of the difficulties with the COCOM list — no-one

really knows exactly what is allowed and what isn't — we have stopped buying in the West. The same models including software in computer hardware and software, much of the latter pirated copies.

In West Berlin, situated less than 80 km (50 miles) from the Polish border, a number of dealers with Polish-speaking staff have been set up to cope with the traffic from Poland, whose travel policies are among the most liberal in the East bloc.

According to Kontraste, word had got round in Poland that West Berlin customs controls were not particularly strict, and not every customs officer could tell between a highly sophisticated computer and a basic one for playing games.

West Berlin is also the source for some computers needed for official East German use, experts in East Berlin said. If one is needed, someone is sent through the wall to buy it off the shelf, with no customs problems on the way back.

For private citizens, computers can be bought in hardware stores by those with

product, of 4 per cent. If realised, that would be the best since 1984.

However, economic growth will slow to 2.5 per cent next year and to below 2 per

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1988

International Bond Highlights

London — Mercedes Benz Credit Corp, a unit of Daimler-Benz AG, is issuing a 150 mln dir Eurobond due Nov 3, 1992 paying nine pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank capital markets said.

Frankfurt — Australian Industry Development Corp is issuing a 200 mln mark, 10-year Eurobond with a 6-1/8 pct coupon priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Commerzbank AG said. (RTX 0856)

London — Swedish export credit (SEK) is issuing a 100 mln dir Eurobond due Oct 31, 1990 paying 8-7/8 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Nikko Securities Co (Europe) Ltd said. (RTTY 1503)

London — The Commonwealth of Australia will call its 600 mln US dollar floating rate note launched in 1986 in Nov 1988, Federal Treasurer Paul Keating said. (RTUP 1528)

Tokyo — Hokuriku Electric Industry Co Ltd said it will issue 100 mln marks in bonds with warrants through public placement with Nomura Europe GmbH as lead manager. The coupon was indicated at 2-1/4 pct. (RTMW 0815, RTXF 0827)

London — The World Bank is issuing a 500 mln Swedish crown Eurobond due Nov 15, 1993 paying 10-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, Bookrunner Enskilda Securities, London said. (RTXJ 0869)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-1/2 3/8	11-7/8 13/16	11-7/8 13/16
FFT	4.80/85	4.85/90	5.05/10
PAR	7-1/16 3/16	7-1/2 5/8	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-5/8 3-7/8
BXR	7.20	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 5/16
RON	10-1/4 10-3/4	11-11/2	11-11/4 11-3/4
AHS	4.25/75	5.25/35	5.37/47
TOK	4.0000 0625	4.2500 3125	4.3750 4375
ECU	7.00 7.25	7.25 7.37	7.43 7.56

Interest Rates

	KUWAIT, Oct 11, (KUNA):
Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today:	
Period	
1 month	
3 months	
6 months	
1 year	
Period	
1 month	
3 months	
6 months	
1 year	
Period	
1 month	
3 months	
6 months	
1 year	

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	71	69	68	NICO	670	655	660	
ACC	257.50	250	257	GRASIM	115	116	120	MOCIL	820	790	815
ASTA PAINT	199	187.50	195	GSCF	167.50	162	165	OCRAY	37	35.50	35
BAJAJ AUTO	352.50	347.50	367.50	HIND LEVER	82	80	83	PEICO	38	35	37
BAR. RAYON	325	320	310	HINDALCO	120	120	119	PFEZER	83	78	80
BON.DYING	127.50	125	125	HINDCOCO	115	110	111.50	PRE.AUTO	44.50	44	44
B.R. BOND	122	120	118	HINDMOTOR	31.75	3.50	31	RAYMOND	62	59	61
BSE INDEX	693.90	704.80	704.80	JND ORG	41	39	42.50	RELIANCE	203	195	198
CENTURYS PG	1220	1210	1220	INDRAYON	80	80	78	SIMENS	84.50	94	101
COLGATE	299	287.50	286.75	INDROL	260	257.50	268.75	SPIC	52	50	52
DEEPAK FERT	46.50	46	45	ITC	62	60	60	STDMILLS	370	340	350
EI. HOTEL	52.50	55	50	JKSYNTH	86.25	82	84	TATA PUR	372	360	360
ESKAYE	141.25	142.50	140	L AND T	143	140	138	TATACHEM	100.50	96	99
ESSAR	24.50	23	29	MAHINDRA	98	93	97	TELCO	732.50	702.50	727.50
GAR. POLY	91	89	89	MASTERSHR	14.50	14	14.75	TISCO	960	940	942.25
GE. SHIP	40	38	37.75	MATHER PL	115	100	117.50	VOLTAS	460	435	440

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1150	1130	MITSUB EL	973	970	MITSUB HVY	975	975
AEG	188.0	188.5	AIJINOMOTO	2820	2920	2750	MITSUB EST	2570	2540	MITSUB HVY	975	975
ALLIANZ VR	1701.0	1722.0	AKAI ELEC	554	555	555	MITSUI CO	891	878	MITSUI EL	932	915
BADEMWERK	179.0	178.0	ASAHI GLS	1890	1900	1860	MITSUKOSHI	1860	1810	MITSUMI EL	932	915
BASF	275.0	278.5	ASAHI OPT	617	610	610	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
BAYER HYP	305.8	310.1	BANK TOKYO	1550	1530	1530	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
BAYER VER	381.0	385.0	BRIDGESTON	1240	1220	1220	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
BBC	322.0	323.5	CAION	1400	1350	1350	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
BHF	427.0	439.0	CASTO COMP	1350	1330	1330	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
BHU	516.5	521.0	CHUGAI PHM	1510	1510	1510	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
COMMERZBK	249.0	254.0	CITIZEN W	823	811	811	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
CONTI GUMM	252.1	253.5	D-ICHI KAM	2900	2880	2880	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
DAINER BEN	703.5	709.2	DAI NIP IK	835	835	835	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
DEUTSC BNK	538.0	546.7	DAI NIP PT	2660	2680	2680	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
DRESDNER B	299.5	304.0	DAI NIP SC	912	900	900	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
DTB BDOCK	167.5	168.5	DAI NIP TO	632	620	620	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
DXF INDEX	525.93	529.13	DAJCSEL	780	780	780	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
FELDMUEHL	279.5	282.0	DATAH M	1880	1900	1900	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
GOLDSCHEID	313.5	317.0	DATAH SEC	2100	2080	2080	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
HARPERNER	419.0	425.0	EBRA MFG	850	849	849	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
HOECHST AG	301.5	305.5	EISAI	1820	1830	1830	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
HOESCH	159.1	160.3	FUJITSU	1580	1550	1550	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
HORTEN	214.8	214.8	FUJI BANK	3080	3100	3100	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
HUSSEL HLD	460.0	463.5	FUJI PHOTO	3200	3200	3200	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
KALI SALZ	164.2	165.5	FUJISAWA	1680	1690	1690	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
KARSTADT	449.0	453.0	FUJITA CP	748	735	735	MITSUMI EL	1160	1110	MITSUMI EL	932	915
KAUFHOF	408.5	410.0	HITACHI	1540	1550	1						

BUSINESS

Gold price eases

Japanese selling leaves the dollar weaker

LONDON, Oct 11. (Reuters): Heavy Japanese selling of the dollar left America's currency looking weak today.

Oil prices slipped a little after a rebound from recent 26-month lows. The price of gold also eased.

Stock markets were mixed with Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average down 12.45 points at 1,461 at New York's midday.

The spotlight in world markets returned to the dollar which closed in London at 1.31.05 yen after 1.32.20 on Monday.

"The bullish sentiment really has evaporated from the dollar," said a chief European dealer for a US bank.

Japanese institutional investors sold dollars in what dealers said was partly a belated reaction after a long holiday weekend to US August employment figures on Friday.

Jobs
These showed fewer Americans than expected were finding new jobs. It looked as if the US economy was not overheating to the extent that higher inflation would need a new rise in interest rates, of the kind likely to attract funds to dollar assets.

Traders also speculated that US August trade figures due on Thursday would show a widening of the American trade deficit.

The dollar closed in Europe at 1.8525 West German marks, down from Monday's closing 1.8540.

Sterling remained firm despite

dealer reports of Bank of England sales to brake its ascent. It ended at 3.1819 marks, up from 3.1761 on Monday. It finished 51.7180.

A weekend comment by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson that he would be likely to raise interest rates to stop any new run on sterling underpinned the British currency.

World spot crude oil prices stayed on a rollercoaster.

A brisk rebound from last week's two-year lows was prompted on Monday by a Saudi Arabian pledge of loyalty to OPEC and statement that it would stop overproducing oil if other OPEC sellers also stuck by their mandated output quotas.

Typical North Sea Brent crude for loading in December traded as high as \$12.73 early today, up nearly a dollar from last week, then eased to be quoted around \$12.50 on revised concern about the present glut.

Investor perceptions about the dangers of inflation were influenced by the oil price.

Gold, the favoured hedge against inflation, began to be sold when it was at \$410 an ounce and slipped to an afternoon setting in London's bullion market at \$407.25.

Wall Street stocks, however, eased as some investors took profits from a rally last week and the bond market fell.

The slip on Wall Street and the strength of sterling, which could pinch British exporters, depressed London shares. Share values

also ended lower in Frankfurt. The Tokyo stock market had earlier advanced, then slipped from the day's peak.

In London, most issues were lower on the day apart from a scattering of mainly speculative stocks, indicating investors' unwillingness to push prices with any conviction ahead of UK economic data this week. dealers said.

The strength of sterling this morning prompted the Bank of England to intervene to restrain its rise. But the currency's gains were seen as a negative factor for the leading international firms whose exports would become more expensive.

Gloxo was down 14p to 1,090 and ICI off 12p to 1,025 while Beecham lost 10p to 469, partly on fading bid talk. The FTSE 100 share index at 1500 GMT was down 4.5 points to 1,839.6.

Developments

Dealers said that barring unforeseen developments, such as bids, investors are likely to do little ahead of this week's UK figures which include the release on Friday of industrial production date for August and September's retail prices index.

Some analysts are warning that the retail prices index for September could show inflation rising as much as 0.5 per cent during the month to give an annual inflation rate approaching six per cent.

Stores group Sears topped the actives list today with volume of 24 million shares on talk that a

large UK industrial conglomerate might make a bid. The shares were up to 7p to 141, although some analysts were sceptical about a bid emerging.

Some analysts said part of today's volume in Sears might be due to sales by investors who picked up Sears stock on bid talk some time ago.

"On balance, I feel the current level of Sears is probably too high for a bid which is why I'm happy to recommend selling into strength," one analyst said.

Next was also active on turnover of 10.4 million shares by 1535 GMT. The shares fell 2p to 182 although they firmed to 192 in early trading after jeweller retailer Ratners said it will buy some of Next's jewellery activities for £135 million. Ratners is to part-fund the purchase through an £80 million Rights issue.

The Rights issue news knocked 24p from Ratners' share price which dropped to 192 this afternoon. The cash call is on a one-for-four basis and priced at 175p per new share.

Dealers said the Rights issue from Ratners and speculation of more to come from other companies was partly responsible for the generally gloomy tone to the market today.

Abbey Life fell 8-1/2p to 305-1/2 on rumours the company may be thinking about a Rights issue in preparation for an overseas bid. Some analysts are also taking into account the slower growth in UK house prices and

the effect it could have on endowment-backed mortgages offered by life insurers.

Dealers point out that Abbey Life is due to report first-half figures tomorrow and most analysts predict a substantial rise in the dividend. Other life insurances saw Legal and General down 6p to 305 and Pearl steady at 468.

Glass and packaging group Redearn jumped 69p to 535 after OVS Investments of Australia said it would sell its 29.9 per cent of the company at a minimum price of \$20 per share.

Redearn later settled back to 529 just before the close.

OVS also said that if no tenders are received or none are acceptable, it intends to make a full cash offer for Redearn at 520p per share.

Revived bid speculation helped lift the building materials sector with Blue Circle up 6p to 465 and Pilkington a penny firmer at 221. "They're very old (bid) stores but if they move the shares, they move the shares," one dealer said.

Electronics group Ferranti was again active with over 13 million shares changing hands for a 2-1/2p fall to 93p. Traders said there was still good two-way business in the issue with holders of stock willing to sell after recent underperformance and buyers happy to take stock on hopes of near-term improvement.

Other electronics issues saw Amstrad down 2-1/2p to 207-1/2 and Plessey a penny easier at 162.

Top British and French drug enforcement officials also played key roles in the investigation, codenamed Operation C-Chase.

Twenty customs agents took part in the investigation, which also involved the Federal Bureau

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1988

Luxembourg bank indicted in money laundering case

TAMPA, Fla., Oct 11. (Reuters): The Luxembourg-based Bank of Credit and Commerce International and 84 people have been indicted on charges they took part in a worldwide drug money laundering ring. US customs officials said today.

"Operation C-Chase is the most important money-laundering case in US customs history," Von Raab said.

Officials said 39 suspects were arrested over the weekend in the United States and several other countries.

Nine people, including several former and present employees of the bank, were arrested in Tampa after they were lured to a fake wedding by an undercover agent posing as a money launderer, official told reporters in Tampa.

Federal prosecutors said they were seizing up to 40 bank accounts and had obtained a restraining order preventing the bank from removing any of its assets from the United States.

Employees

Some former and present employees of the bank were among those named in the indictment handed down by a federal grand jury in Tampa, Florida, and they were being rounded up in the United States, Britain and France, officials said.

Von Raab said at least \$14 million was laundered through offices of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which operates in more than 70 countries.

The indictment stemmed from a two-year investigation in which US undercover agents penetrated the suspected money laundering operation, customs officials said.

Top British and French drug enforcement officials also played key roles in the investigation, codenamed Operation C-Chase.

The individual defendants

in the indictment were the bank holding company BCCI Holdings SA and two subsidiaries, Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA and Bank of Credit and Commerce International (Overseas) Ltd.

The individual defendants

include some of the bank's top managers: Akbar A. Bilgrami, director of the Latin American division in Miami; Anjum Awan, assistant director of the division Syed Afzal Hussain, operations officer in Panama City; Nazir Chizay, regional manager for Europe and Africa, based in Paris; Ian Howard, the bank's French country manager based in Paris; Asif Baakza, manager of the bank's corporate unit and Saad Shafi, country manager in the Bahamas.

Allegation

"We haven't been provided with any specific allegation. We're anxiously waiting to see what the charges are," said Marty Steinberg, a Miami lawyer who represents the bank.

Customs officials said undercover agents pretended to set up their own money laundering operation and were approached by members of the alleged ring who offered their services.

Twenty customs agents took part in the investigation, which also involved the Federal Bureau

Abu Ghazaleh chairs board meeting

ASPIP plans to honour Al Khalid, chamber chief

THE Board of Directors of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property (ASPIP) has agreed to present a shield of honour to Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khalid and to the chairman of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Abdel Aziz Hamed Al Saqer.

The officials will be honoured for their efforts in industrial property protection and their support for Arab economic organisations.

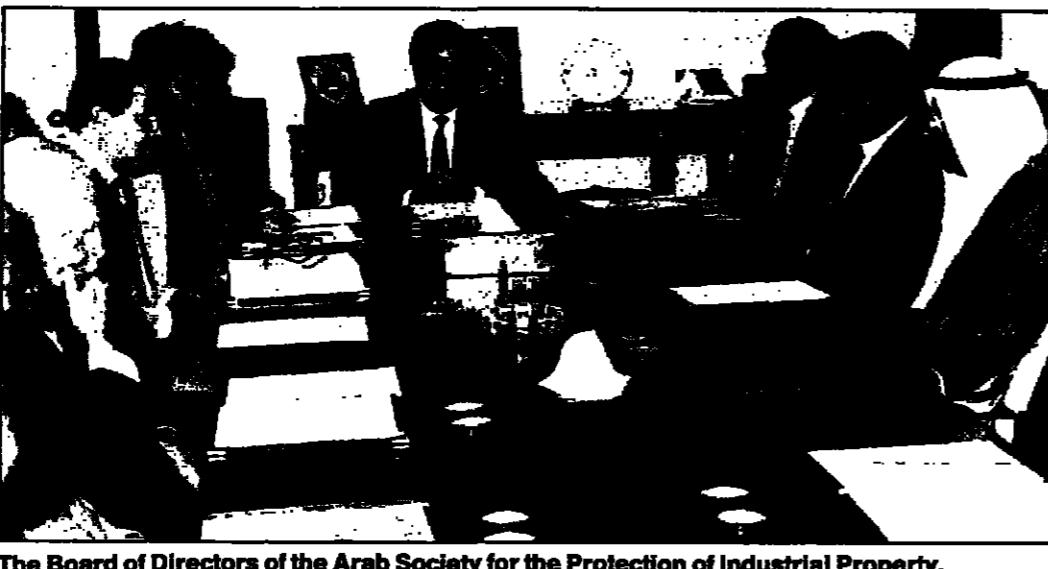
The board held its regular meeting on Monday in Kuwait under the chairmanship of Talal Abu Ghazaleh.

Awareness

The agenda covered enhancing the role of Arab professionals in international organisations as well as developing a greater sense of awareness among professionals.

The board announced the election of new members Habib Bourguiba Jr. (Tunis), presently a lawyer-consultant on trademarks, patents and industrial property and Dr. Abdel Rasoul Abdel Rida, chairman, Department of Legal Advice and Legislation (Kuwait), in his personal capacity, and Moustafa El Dib (Egypt), a leading lawyer and expert on industrial property protection.

The board also decided to maintain its policy to establish national societies, using ASPIP in Jordan and ASPIP in Egypt as models, to bridge the gap in this important field and to develop



The Board of Directors of the Arab Society for the Protection of Industrial Property.

the role of Arabs internationally.

The board also recommended that Arab countries update their industrial property laws and offered to continue to advise the government agencies on the subject.

Other items on the agenda included various administrative, financial and membership status reports.

The board's next meeting will be in Oman.

ASPIP has endorsed plans to organise the first Arabic language training course on industrial property protection, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO).

It has to cope with the legacy of the world's worst offshore oil accident — an explosion which wrecked the North Sea's Piper Alpha platform on July 6 killing 167 men.

The accident threw a pall over the industry. Some oilmen have begun to look for other jobs.

The government, citing free market principles, refuses to help the OPEC organisation to defend petroleum prices by curbing British North Sea output.

This is now around 2.3 million barrels daily, almost half the level of Saudi Arabia's current production.

Bitter

But people in Aberdeen, the British oil capital, have bitter memories of the 1986 crash when OPEC also abandoned restraint on its production and, in a general collapse, North Sea prices fell 60 per cent.

As renewed OPEC overproduction leads prices down again, they fear a replay of a crisis that cost one in five British oil workers their jobs.

At risk may be a North Sea recovery which, in recent months, has seen the most active drilling in the region since the early 1970s.

"For sale" signs, a regular sight on Aberdeen's granite buildings, have been coming down. Oil jobs have risen by 5,000 from 1987 lows of 40,000, and the number of exploration and appraisal rigs in commission has soared from 13 to 30.

The Grampian regional council recently predicted that, with 39 oilfields now producing and 11 more under development, 60 more could be developed over the next 25 years.

Oil jobs could return to past peaks of 52,000 by 1996.

Many people fear this won't

happen if prices sink further, says David Black, who tracks North Sea oil for stockbrokers County Northwest Wood Mackenzie.

Technology He said new technology and cost-cutting during the 1986 slump taught oil multinationals like Royal Dutch Shell and British Petroleum (BP) how to drill with oil prices below the \$15 to 18 previously thought economically viable.

The industry got used to volatile prices.

A weak dollar, however, compounds the problem for British oil. Current exchange rates mean the present price of between \$11 and 12 a barrel could be worth 20 per cent less in sterling than slightly weaker prices which ruled in 1986.

"If it continues like this they will have to evaluate the economics of new fields," Black said.

First projects to be shelved would be larger oil or gas fields worth \$1.5 billion or more in capital costs.

Prices Other analysts, however, such as Angus Nicolson at the Scottish Development Agency, argue that the industry is now better placed to live with appreciably weaker prices.

He says new projects take several years to develop and that big oil companies are not concerned with today's prices.

He also contends that most of the new reservoirs to be tapped in the next 10 years are small fields that can be developed using semi-submersible floating production facilities — cheaper than the fixed installations used in giant fields like Brent and Njord which were started in the 1970s.

A lot of potential North Sea development in coming years will produce gas, more stable in price than crude oil.

The Piper Alpha accident meanwhile threw a spotlight on the perils of work in the hostile waters of the North Sea.

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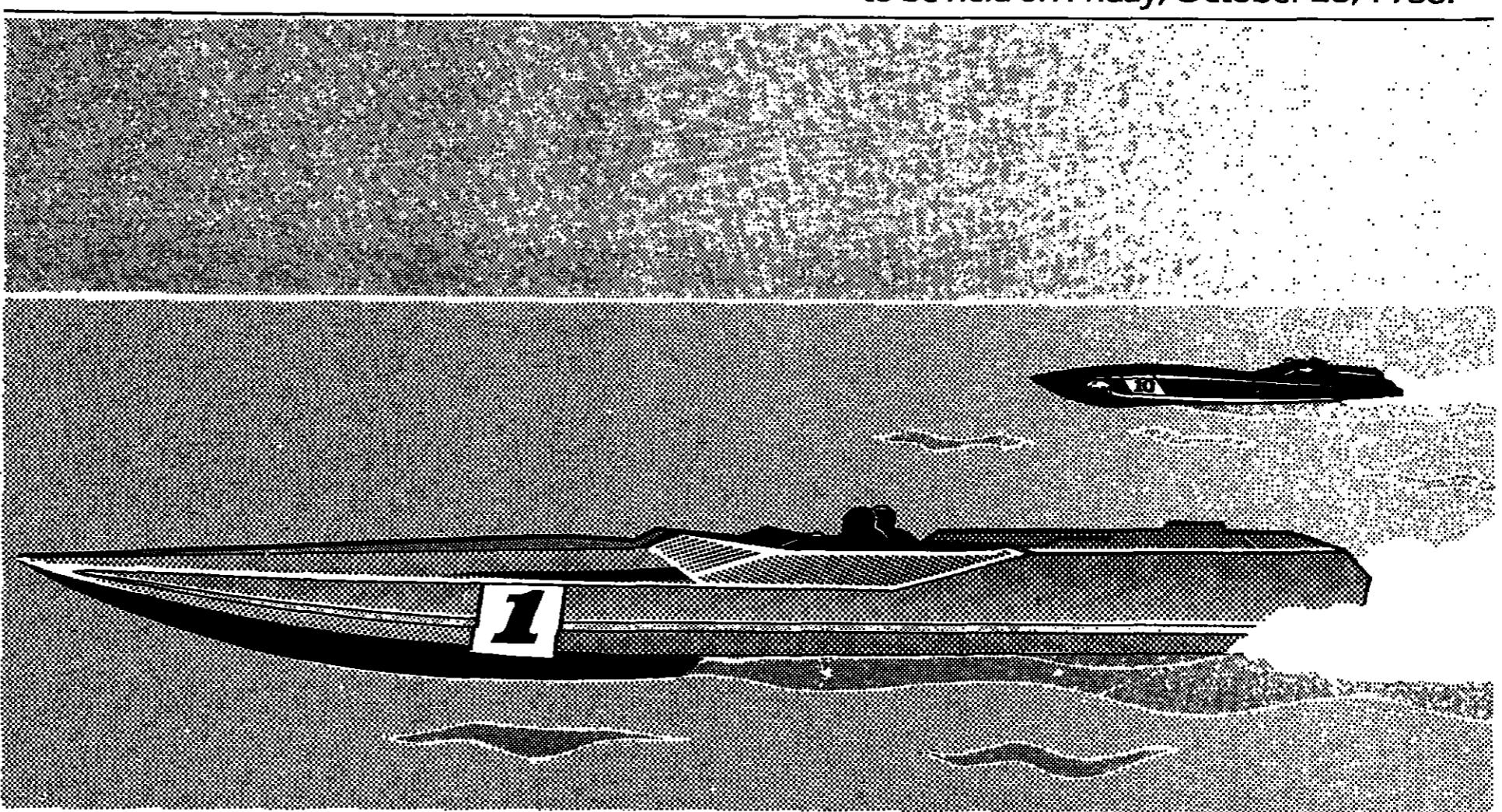
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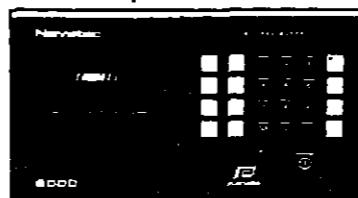


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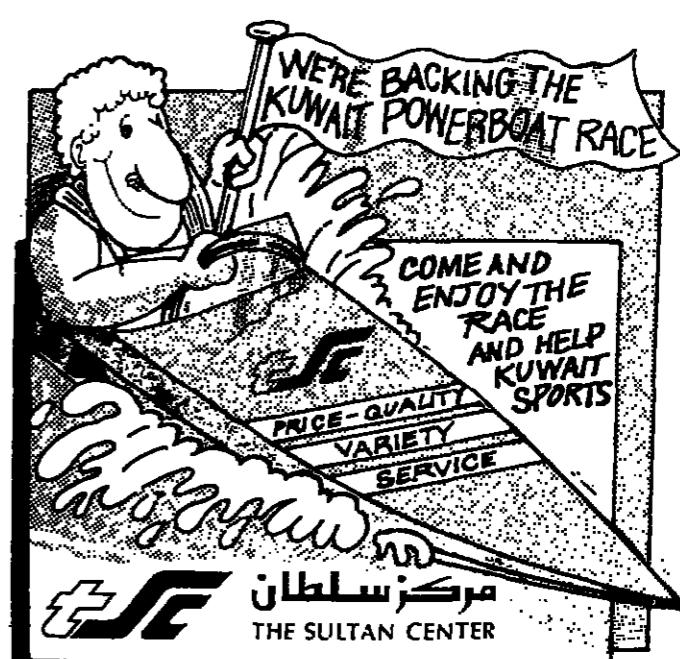
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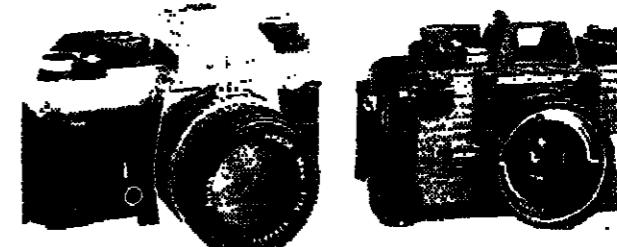
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SPORTS

Seek annulment of marriage, Tyson advised

NEW YORK, Oct 10, (UPI): Boxer Mike Tyson's advisers suggested he seek an annulment of his marriage, sparing him a cash settlement, on grounds Robin Givens may have deceived him into wedlock with a phony pregnancy, the Daily News reported today.

The News quoted friends of Tyson as saying that three weeks before the wedding, Givens' mother told his manager her daughter was 3-1/2 months pregnant.

An annulment could avoid the prospect of a monetary settlement with Givens, who filed for divorce in California where community property laws divide couples' assets 50-50, the News said.

Lawyer Howard Weitzman met Tyson in Cleveland this weekend to plan moving the divorce case to New York and countersuing Givens, who gave conflicting stories about miscarriages when she never became visibly pregnant, the report said.

Removed

Givens' lawyer, Marvin Michelson, charged yesterday that Tyson removed \$9 million from the couple's joint account and that "over \$1.5 million is money she has earned," the newspaper said.

The heavyweight champion, guided by promoter Don King and lawyer Michael Winston, has shifted his assets into a new account that Givens had no access to, the News said yesterday, citing unnamed sources.

The sources said Givens tried to cash a \$651,000 cheque after she left New York for California on Oct 3, but Tyson blocked the transaction, the report said.

The 23-year-old actress on ABC's "Head of the Class" television show announced on Friday she has filed for divorce in California and was seeking half the money Tyson earned during the eight months of their marriage.

The 22-year-old prizefighter — who once said, "I work too hard for my money to give it away. I bleed for my money" — is worth an estimated \$50 million, more than half of it earned since he and Givens were married in February.

Ekbom and Waitz triumph in marathon

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct 10, (AP): Tommy Ekbom of Finland broke away from the leaders with three kilometres left and easily won the men's 30-kilometre Lidingoloppet cross-country race yesterday.

Ekbom, the defending champion, had a winning time of 1 hour, 37 minutes and 26 seconds. Jari Gaute Aase of Norway finished 26 seconds behind. Third went to Nada Sakkai of Tanzania in 1:38:31.

Grete Waitz of Norway, the all-time great in women's marathoning, captured the women's 15 kilometres in 53:28 after leading from the start. It was the 35-year-old veteran's 12th victory in the annual race and her eighth fastest time here. She set the meet record of 51:03 in 1980.

"I ran a little bit conservative today," Waitz said. "I only wanted to win the race. I never thought about the time."

Waitz, who also won the Stockholm marathon last June, was competing for the first time since the Seoul Olympics. She was forced to withdraw from the Olympic marathon because of a knee injury.

Waitz, who will not run any more marathons this year, won the Lidingoloppet 11 straight times 1976-1986. She didn't compete in last year's race, won by fellow Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen.

Evert blasts Smith for New Orleans title

Evert outclassed Smith

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 10, (AP): Top-seeded Chris Evert broke away from unseeded Anne Smith in the ninth game and went on to her third victory in the five-year history of the \$250,000 Virginia Slims of New Orleans tennis tournament yesterday, 6-4, 6-1.

"It's been a tricky summer with injuries and the Olympics," said Evert.

"Maybe I'd lost a little bit of confidence. I sure didn't want another loss this week."

Broken In the doubles finals, the unseeded team of Candy Reynolds and Beth Herr, both of the United States, scored a hard-fought 6-4, 6-4 upset over the second-seeded team of Lori McNeil and Betsy Nagelsen, both also of the United States.

Evert's serve was broken on the match's first game by a pinpoint backhand by Smith. Evert surged ahead 3-1 and then was caught 3-3 and 4-4. But in the ninth game, Evert held on a service winner and broke in the 10th with a crisp cross-court forehand.

"Concentration's always been

my trademark," Evert said. "It's wavered over the last few years, but I can still get it back when I need it. After 4-4, I felt I had won."

In the second set, Evert won the first two games before being broken on a great drop shot. Evert then inexorably ground down Smith's baseline game and closed the match by holding serve at love.

Smith, best known as a double player with seven Grand Slam titles to her credit, was playing in her sixth tournament after coming back from rotator cuff surgery.

"In the first set, I was able to rally with my slice backhand," said Smith, who has now lost to Evert 15 times in 16 matches.

"But she just gets better as the match goes on and I ran out of gas."

In doubles play, McNeil-Nagelsen battled back from a 3-1 deficit to tie up the second set at 4-4. But the Herr-Reynolds team broke in the ninth game and held serve in the tenth, both winning points set by Herr's crisp backhand volleys.

OILERS SLIP PAST TOUGH CHIEFS**Esiason helps Bengals remain unbeaten**

NEW YORK, Oct 10, (AP): Boomer Esiason's three first-half touchdown passes allowed the Cincinnati Bengals to remain the National Football League's only unbeaten team yesterday with a 36-19 win over the New York Jets.

The Bengals are 6-0, matching the best start in the team's history.

Esiason, the League's top-rated passer, burned the New York Jets with touchdown pass plays of 60 and eight yards to Eddie Brown and 38 yards to Tim McGee to help the Bengals overcome a safety and fumbles that led to an early 9-0 lead by the Jets.

Cincinnati also got a pair of second-half touchdown runs from Ickey Woods, who carried 30 times for 139 yards — the first 100-yard game of the rookie's career.

In other games, it was Chicago 24, Detroit 7; Buffalo 34, Indianapolis 23; Houston 7, Kansas City 6; the Los Angeles Rams 33, Atlanta 0; Green Bay 45, New England 3; Seattle 16, Cleveland 10; Minnesota 14, Tampa Bay 13; Washington 35, Dallas 17; Phoenix 31, Pittsburgh 14; Miami 24, the Los Angeles Raiders 14; New Orleans 23, San Diego 17, and Denver 16, San Francisco 13 in overtime.

Disgraced sprinter knowingly took steroids, says teammate

Stop lying, Issajenko tells Johnson

TORONTO, Oct 10, (UPI): A teammate of disgraced Olympic sprinter Ben Johnson alleged in a report published yesterday she has lied about divorce in California and was seeking half the money Tyson earned during the eight months of their marriage.

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Pernfors cruises past Layendecker for title

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Oct 10, (Reuters): Mikael Pernfors of Sweden needed just 54 minutes to defeat American Glenn Layendecker yesterday and win the singles title of the \$415,500 Scottsdale Classic mens tennis tournament.

Pernfors, ranked 24 and seeded third in the tournament, easily beat Layendecker, a qualifier ranked 206, 6-2 6-4 to win \$39,500. Layendecker, a left-hander from the U.S. took \$29,750.

Pernfors used his exaggerated topspin style to keep Layendecker at the baseline. Layendecker could do nothing to counter Pernfors' high-bouncing shots, trying to chip and slice but making repeated errors.

Characteristic

Pernfors dominated the match from the start, breaking Layendecker in the opening game and racing to a 5-2 lead on a second break against the American which he took with a characteristic topspin lob.

Pernfors served out the set as Layendecker hit a forehand long, an error he repeated frequently throughout the match.

Pernfors again took an early lead in the second set, breaking Layendecker in the second game at love with a forehand volley

This evening, the New York Giants were to be at Philadelphia.

Packers 45, Patriots 3

In Milwaukee, Brent Fullwood rushed for three second-half touchdowns and Green Bay intercepted five passes in its first victory of the season.

Green Bay 1-5, scored two touchdowns in the final five minutes of the second quarter for a 17-3 halftime lead.

Bears 24, Lions 7

Jim McMahon completed eight of 11 passes for 78 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown to Dennis McKinnon, before leaving the game with a slight concussion as Chicago defeated Detroit in Pontiac, Michigan.

The Bears, 5-1, remained in first place in the National Football Conference Central Division, while the Lions, 1-5, lost quarterback Chuck Long with a sprained knee.

Bills 34, Colts 23

Jim Kelly's three touchdown passes, including two to Andre Reed, helped the Bills rebound from a 17-point deficit to defeat Indianapolis 21-19.

The Bills improved their record to 5-1 and remained atop the American Football Conference East, while the Colts, last year's division champion, dropped to 1-5.



Vikings' tight end Steve Jordan (right) is leaped after receiving a pass from Tommy Kramer. Watching the flip is Buccaneers' Eugene Marve. (Reuter wirephoto)

Colts 6, Chiefs 5

Jim Pease replaced Cody Carlson, who fractured the thumb on his throwing hand with 33 seconds left in the first half.

Rams 33, Falcons 0

Jim Everett passed for 234 yards and three touchdowns and Greg Bell ran for 155 yards and

scoring once for Los Angeles.

The Rams scored on five or six first-half possessions, failing only when Everett had a pass intercepted at the goal line.

Seahawks 16, Browns 10

Curt Warner ran for 96 yards and one touchdown and Norm Johnson kicked three field goals for Seattle. Cleveland lost Mike Pagel, its third starting quarterback this season, with a separated shoulder.

Dolphins 24, Raiders 14

Lifford Hobley returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown. Miami's second score in an 11-second span of the second quarter, and the Dolphins went on to defeat error-prone Los Angeles.

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Cardinals 31, Steelers 14

Neil Lomax threw for 291 yards and three touchdowns as Phoenix, 4-2, defeated Pittsburgh for the first time in 19 years.

Cardinals 24, Raiders 14

The Cardinals took the lead for good at 10-7 on Al Del Greco's 19-yard field goal 2-10 into the second quarter.

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Anthony Carter caught seven passes for 82 yards, scored one touchdown and set up another as Minnesota, 4-2, rallied to edge underdog Tampa Bay, 2-4.

Carters 11, 1-yard reception preceded Allen Rice's 1-yard scoring run with 2:49 left in the third quarter, putting the Vikings ahead 14-10.

Dodgers outlast Mets

NEW YORK, Oct 10, (Reuters): Kirk Gibson's 12th-inning home run lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets early today to tie the National League championship series at two games apiece.

Dodgers' reliever Tim Leary

got Mets rookie Gregg Jefferies to line out to Gibson in left field and the Dodgers then brought in lefthander Jesse Orosco.

Orosco, who was the winning pitcher for the Mets when they won the pennant in 1986 and was on the mound when they won the World Series against the Boston Red Sox that year, walked Keith Hernandez to load the bases. Orosco then got slugger Darryl Strawberry to pop up to second base.

The Mets led 4-2 going into the top of the ninth inning when Mets starter Dwight Gooden walked the leadoff hitter and gave up a first-pitch home run to Mike Scioscia, the Dodger catcher who had hit just three homers in the regular season.

The Mets threatened to come back and win it in the bottom of the 12th inning when they put

Oakland beat Boston to take AL series

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct 10. (Reuters): The Oakland Athletics limited the Boston Red Sox to four hits in beating them 4-1 yesterday to win the American League championship series in a record four consecutive games and gain entry to the World Series.

Relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a former 20-game winner for the Red Sox, pitched the ninth inning on just one single sandwiched around a walk, a sacrifice fly.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Jose Canseco, his third of the series. The A's made it 2-0 in the third inning on two singles followed by a double by Dave Henderson, also a former Red Sox player.

Boston scratched out a run in the sixth inning on just one single sandwiched around a walk, a groundout.

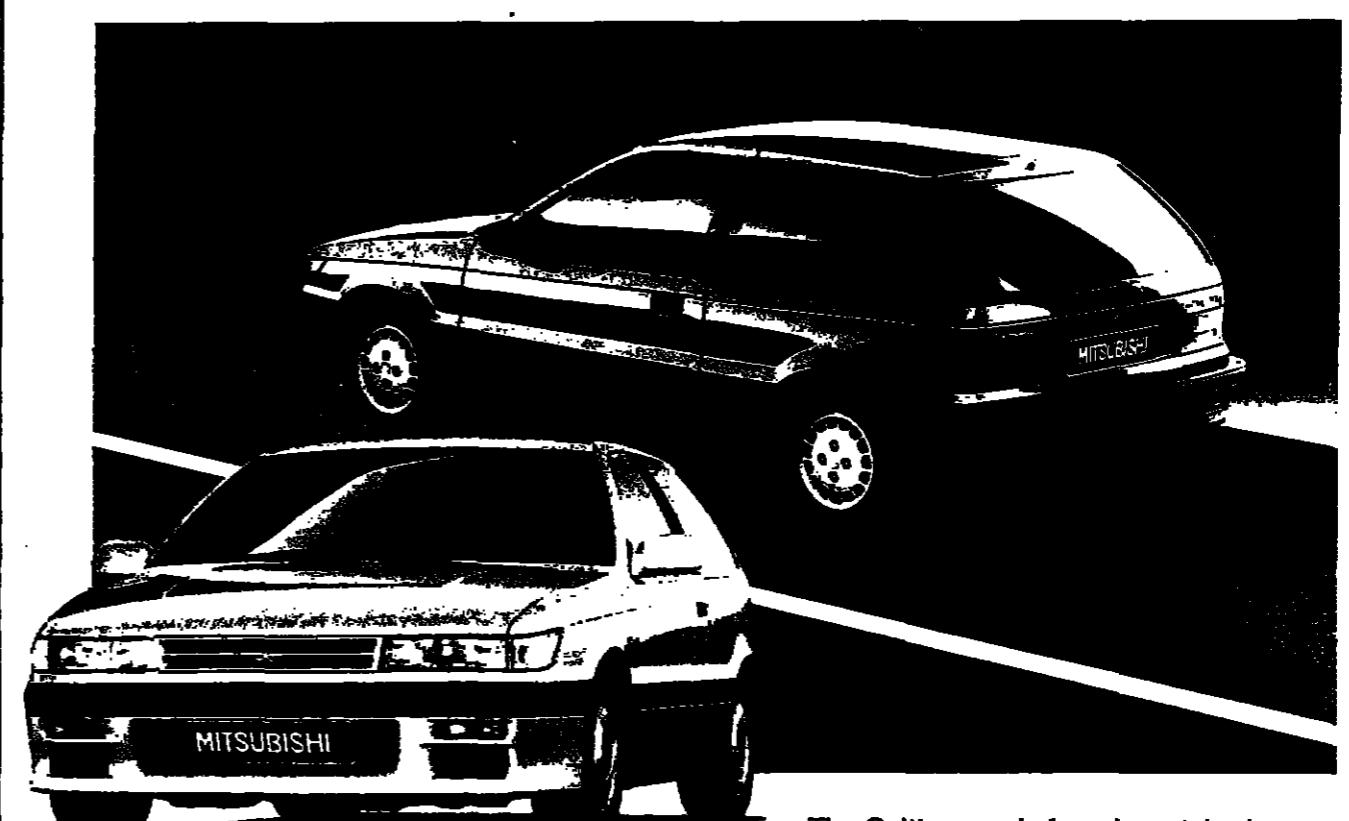
Oakland got two insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth inning on three singles, a walk and a sacrifice fly.

Oakland's starting pitcher, Dave Stewart, was taken out in the eighth inning on after Boston's Ellis Burks singled. But Rick Honeycutt shut down the Sox for the rest of the eighth inning and Eckersley shut the door in the ninth.

"I didn't think the Red Sox had a chance today, there was too much against them," said Stewart who was 21-12 on the regular season. "I wanted to show the country what I could do."

"It's the best I've felt in my life," said Eckersley, who pitched seven years for Boston, winning 20 games in 1978. "I didn't have a lot today, I'm glad we had a three-run lead. I feel sorry for the Red Sox. I still have a home there and I left a lot of my heart there."

Oakland will play the winner of the National League series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets scheduled to begin next Saturday at the home park of the National League winner.

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PAKISTAN WIN SERIES AS 3RD TEST ENDS IN DRAW

Qasim and Tauseef thwart Aussies

LAHORE, Pakistan, Oct 11. (Reuters) - Pakistan were required to fight to the final over today to ensure they drew the third and final cricket Test against Australia and complete a 1-0 series win.

Pakistan's ninth-wicket pair Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad were their heroes, batting through the final four overs to frustrate Allan Border's bold bid for victory.

Australia lost the controversial first Test at Karachi by an innings and 188 runs and the second at Faisalabad was drawn.

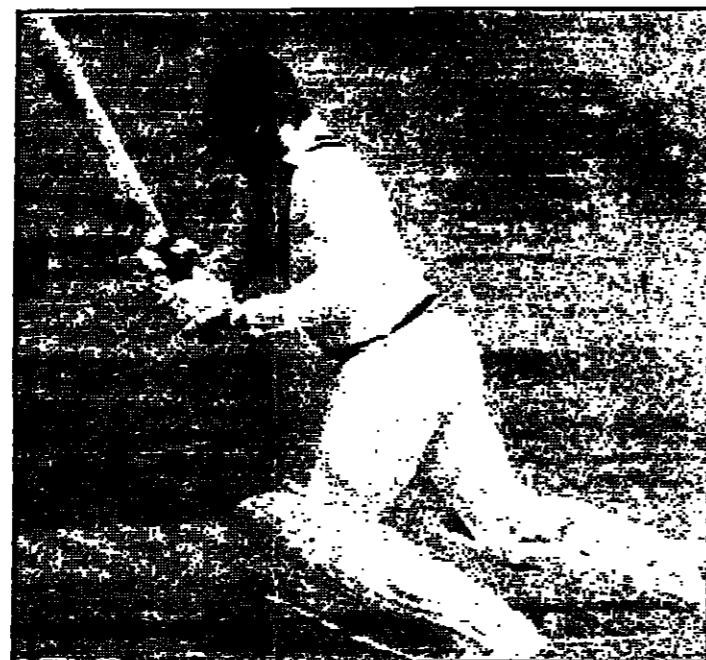
Struggled

After being set a generous target of 269 to win in 243 minutes plus 20 overs by Australia, Pakistan struggled to 153 for eight.

Border gambled on victory in the morning when he declared Australia's second innings at 161 for three after overnight pair Geoff Marsh and Peter Taylor had thrashed 29 from three overs in 16 minutes.

Despite being handicapped by the absence of strike bowler Bruce Reid, nursing an injured back, the Australians kept the initiative with some excellent bowling by off-spinners Tim May and Peter Taylor.

May turned the ball considerably on a wearing pitch to take



Mudassar: Pakistan's top scorer with 49

Salim Malik caught behind by Ian Healy for 13 with the total at 107.

Mudassar was fifth out for 49 at 123, held beautifully by Border at slip off Taylor, who then proceeded to claim the wickets of Salim Yousaf (two) and Abdul Qadir (six) in quick succession to leave Pakistan precariously placed at 131 for seven.

Border's gamble in taking the second new ball looked like paying off when Tony Dodemaide removed Ejaz Ahmed for 15 at 147, but, despite being hemmed in by eight fielders, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad denied the Australians their first Test win on Pakistan soil since 1959-60.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan cricket board today rescheduled the third and final one-day international between Pakistan and Australia at Lahore for Friday instead of Thursday.

The first and second one-day games at Gujranwala and Karachi were cancelled because of floods and ethnic riots.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA 1st innings 340 (G. Marsh 64, A. Border 75, S. Waugh 59)	
PAKISTAN 1st innings 233 (Rameez Raja 64)	
AUSTRALIA 2nd innings (over-night 132 for three)	

Shortly before tea Taylor had

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